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SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY  
FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF  
BRIAN BOND  
FOR  
SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

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1 I. INTRODUCTION

2 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, POSITION IN THE COMPANY, AND  
3 BUSINESS ADDRESS.

4 A. My name is Brian Bond and my business address is 428 Travis Street, Shreveport,  
5 Louisiana 71101. I am employed by Southwestern Electric Power Company  
6 (SWEPCO or the Company) as Vice President External Affairs.

7 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS VICE PRESIDENT  
8 EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

9 A. As Vice President External Affairs, I am responsible for the Community Affairs,  
10 Governmental Affairs, Economic Development, and Environmental Affairs activities  
11 at SWEPCO.

12 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND  
13 BUSINESS EXPERIENCE.

14 A. I graduated from Louisiana State University in Shreveport with a Bachelor of General  
15 Studies in Natural and Applied Sciences in 1981, and a Master of Business  
16 Administration in 2007. I have been in the position of Vice President External  
17 Affairs since June 1, 2004. Prior to moving into this position, I served as state  
18 president-Arkansas/Louisiana for American Electric Power Company, Inc. (AEP)  
19 from August 31, 2003 until June 1, 2004. I served as environmental affairs  
20 manager-Louisiana and manager-waste management and mitigation services for  
21 American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEPSC) from 2000 until I became  
22 state president. Prior to the AEP/Central and Southwest Corporation (CSW) merger  
23 in 2000, I held various environmental management positions with CSW over an

1 18-year period. From 1998-2000, I served in the CSW Environmental Services group  
2 as corporate waste manager. From 1990 to 1998, I served as environmental affairs  
3 manager for SWEPCO when it was a CSW affiliate. I started my career at SWEPCO  
4 as an environmental chemist in 1981. In 1989 - 1990, I was employed by General  
5 Motors Corporation in the environmental engineering group, prior to rejoining  
6 SWEPCO as environmental affairs manager.

7 Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TESTIMONY BEFORE A  
8 REGULATORY AGENCY?

9 A. Yes, I provided testimony in SWEPCO's 2012 Public Utility Commission of Texas  
10 (PUC or the Commission) rate case filing, Docket No. 40443, and SWEPCO's 2016  
11 PUC rate case filing, Docket No. 46449.

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13 II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

14 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

15 A. There are several purposes of my testimony. First, I discuss the SWEPCO External  
16 Affairs organization and the services it provides in support of the provision of safe  
17 and reliable electricity to SWEPCO's customers.

18 Second, I discuss the AEPSC Federal Affairs organization and the services it  
19 provides to SWEPCO, and demonstrate that the affiliate charges billed to SWEPCO  
20 for its services are reasonable and necessary.

21 Third, I discuss the AEPSC Corporate Sustainability organization and the  
22 services it provides to SWEPCO, and demonstrate that the affiliate charges billed to  
23 SWEPCO for its services are reasonable and necessary.

1 Fourth, I demonstrate that the contributions and membership dues requested  
2 by SWEPCO in this case are consistent with the Commission rules regarding  
3 recovery and should be included in SWEPCO's cost of service in this case.

4 Fifth, I discuss SWEPCO's Corporate Communications organization and the  
5 necessary services it provides in support of SWEPCO's utility service.

6 Sixth, I discuss the AEPSC Corporate Communications organization and  
7 demonstrate that the affiliate charges billed to SWEPCO for its services are  
8 reasonable and necessary.

9 Seventh, I demonstrate that the advertising costs requested by SWEPCO in  
10 this case are consistent with the Commission rules regarding recovery and should be  
11 included in SWEPCO's cost of service in this case.

12 Finally, I describe the Environmental Services organization of AEPSC and the  
13 necessary services it provides to SWEPCO.

14 Q. WHAT SCHEDULES DO YOU SPONSOR IN THIS PROCEEDING?

15 A. I co-sponsor the following schedules with Michael A. Baird:

<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Description</u>
G-4	Summary of Advertising, Contributions & Dues
G-4.1	Summary of Advertising Expense
G-4.1a	Summary of Informational/Instructional Advertising
G-4.1b	Summary of Advertising to Promote & Retain Usage
G-4.1c	Summary of General Advertising Expense
G-4.1d	Summary of Capitalized Advertising
G-4.2	Summary of Contribution & Donation Expense
G-4.2a	Summary of Educational Contributions & Donations
G-4.2b	Summary of Community Services Contributions & Donations

1	G-4.2c	Summary of Economic Development Contributions &
2		Donations
3	G-4.3	Summary of Membership Dues Expense
4	G-4.3a	Summary of Industry Organization Dues
5	G-4.3b	Summary of Business/Economic Dues
6	G-4.3c	Summary of Professional Dues
7	G-4.3d	Summary of Social, Recreational, Fraternal or Religious
8		Expenses
9	G-4.3e	Summary of Political Organizations Expense

10                   I also co-sponsor the following schedules detailing billings to SWEPCO from  
11                   AEPSC along with Brian J. Frantz:

12	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Description</u>
13	G-4	Summary of Advertising, Contributions & Dues
14	G-4.1c1	Summary of General Advertising Expense
15	G-4.2a.1	Summary of Educational Contributions & Donations
16	G-4.2b.1	Summary of Community Service Contributions & Donations
17	G-4.2c.1	Summary of Economic Development Contributions &
18		Donations
19	G-4.3a.1	Summary of Industry Organization Dues
20	G-4.3b.1	Summary of Business/Economic Dues
21	G-4.3c.1	Summary of Professional Dues
22	G-4.3d.1	Summary of Social, Recreational, Fraternal or Religious
23		Expenses
24	G-4.3e.1	Summary of Political Organizations Expense

1 III. SWEPCO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

2 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY SWEPCO  
3 EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

4 A. SWEPCO External Affairs performs the following functions:

- 5 • Liaison and communication with local governments;  
6 • Liaison and communication with various state agencies and officials;  
7 • Legislative analysis, monitoring and advocacy (legislative advocacy expenses  
8 are not included in SWEPCO's request);  
9 • Participation in community and business development, and in local  
10 community organizations; and  
11 • Management of SWEPCO's charitable contributions.

12 Q. DO THE COSTS OF SWEPCO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS INCLUDE ANY  
13 AFFILIATE CHARGES FROM AEPSC?

14 A. No. All of the eight External Affairs employees are SWEPCO employees, and all test  
15 year costs of External Affairs are SWEPCO costs.

16 Q. WHAT GROUPS ARE INCLUDED WITHIN SWEPCO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS?

17 A. External Affairs includes Community Affairs and Governmental Affairs. The  
18 SWEPCO External Affairs organization is shown in EXHIBIT BB-1.

19 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

20 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE STAFFING AND SERVICES OF THE COMMUNITY  
21 AFFAIRS GROUP.

22 A. SWEPCO has four External Affairs managers who are primarily assigned to provide  
23 community affairs and economic development services. They are the primary contact  
24 point between SWEPCO and local government leaders, business leaders, and  
25 representatives of community and economic development organizations. Community



1 Affairs coordinates and facilitates solutions to community-related utility service  
2 issues, such as municipal franchise rights and obligations, quality of service concerns,  
3 right-of-way disputes, municipal ordinances related to utility service, local taxes,  
4 siting of facilities, customer service issues, regulatory issues, and billing concerns.  
5 Community Affairs is responsible for planning, managing and directing field efforts  
6 in local problem resolution, involvement in civic organizations, overseeing Company  
7 contributions, and maintaining a local presence in the communities that we serve.  
8 Community Affairs also works closely with the AEPSC Business and Economic  
9 Development Manager to promote economic growth by attracting new business and  
10 funding to SWEPCO's service area in order to bring new jobs and prosperity to our  
11 communities. Community Affairs provides support to state and regional economic  
12 development organizations by participating in partnerships with various state  
13 agencies and community organizations. These efforts focus on initiatives designed to  
14 educate local communities on how to better analyze and solicit new business  
15 opportunities. Effective economic development partnerships and programs with  
16 communities in the SWEPCO service territory stimulate the local economy and  
17 provide load growth to the area, which benefits all customers by spreading fixed costs  
18 among a larger end-use customer base.

19 Q. DOES SWEPCO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE COMMUNITIES IT  
20 SERVES?

21 A. Yes. SWEPCO Community Affairs oversees and administers Company and  
22 employee activities in support of the community and encourages participation in  
23 community projects. SWEPCO strongly supports a variety of community programs

1 and organizations. Through corporate giving and our emphasis on individual  
2 employee involvement, we are working to support and improve education, build  
3 strong communities, and enhance the environment. SWEPCO provides support to  
4 numerous community service organizations such as United Way, Boys and Girls  
5 Clubs, Junior Achievement, and Habitat for Humanity. SWEPCO also supports  
6 numerous K-12 and higher education programs throughout its service territory.  
7 Employee volunteerism is a significant contributor to the success of the various  
8 community programs SWEPCO supports.

9 GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

10 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SERVICES OF THE SWEPCO GOVERNMENTAL  
11 AFFAIRS GROUP.

12 A. The Governmental Affairs Managers serve as a Company interface with legislators  
13 and state elected and appointed officials on public policy issues. Governmental  
14 Affairs also monitors and analyzes legislative initiatives and bills of all kinds that  
15 could affect the utility business. Monitoring legislative activity is important so that  
16 SWEPCO is aware of developments that could impact the Company or its customers  
17 related to issues such as utility regulation, safety, tax policy, eminent domain,  
18 environmental regulation, and other matters impacting the provision of electric utility  
19 service. Monitoring legislation also allows SWEPCO to prepare for compliance with  
20 changes in laws applicable to the provision of electric service. The Governmental  
21 Affairs team also monitors and participates in projects and rulemakings at various  
22 state agencies other than the state utility commissions that affect utility service, such  
23 as the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, the Texas Commission on

1 Environmental Quality, the Texas Railroad Commission and the Texas Department of  
2 Transportation.

3 Q. DOES GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS ALSO ENGAGE IN LEGISLATIVE  
4 ADVOCACY?

5 A. Yes, SWEPCO engages in legislative advocacy, which involves actively promoting a  
6 particular outcome for a specific piece of legislation with legislators. However, as  
7 required by 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 25.231(b)(2)(A), all legislative advocacy  
8 costs have been excluded from SWEPCO's request in this case.

9 Q. ARE THE LEGISLATIVE MONITORING SERVICES PROVIDED BY SWEPCO  
10 GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS DISTINCT FROM LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY?

11 A. Yes. The legislative monitoring and analysis provided by SWEPCO Governmental  
12 Affairs for which SWEPCO seeks cost recovery involve identification, review, and  
13 analysis of proposed and enacted legislation to identify the potential impact on  
14 SWEPCO. For example, Governmental Affairs attends and monitors legislative  
15 hearings in order to stay abreast of the intent of proposed legislation and the different  
16 positions being voiced on the issue, and regularly meets as a team to review  
17 legislation filed and discuss its potential impact on the Company as well as how the  
18 proposed legislation might impact current regulation. Finally, when legislation  
19 becomes law, SWEPCO Governmental Affairs works with the affected groups and  
20 functions within the Company to ensure timely and proper compliance.

21 Q. ARE THERE CONTROLS IN PLACE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN  
22 LEGISLATIVE MONITORING AND LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES?

1 A. Yes. SWEPCO uses separate accounting codes to maintain the distinction between  
2 legislative monitoring and legislative advocacy. SWEPCO employees receive  
3 training to identify and understand the significance of each code in order to  
4 appropriately charge their time and other expenses.

5 Q. HAS THE COMMISSION DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN NON-RECOVERABLE  
6 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COSTS AND RECOVERABLE COSTS FOR  
7 MONITORING AND ANALYZING LEGISLATION?

8 A. Yes. In Docket No. 14965, a rate case involving SWEPCO's affiliate, Central Power  
9 and Light Company, now AEP Texas Inc., the Commission concluded that  
10 monitoring of legislation is distinct from legislative advocacy and is a recoverable  
11 expense. The Commission adopted the analysis of the proposal for decision, which  
12 distinguished the objectives of legislative advocacy from those of legislative  
13 monitoring. Specifically, the Commission's decision indicates that legislative  
14 advocacy focuses on affecting the outcome of the legislation, while legislative  
15 monitoring is the review and analysis of legislation to determine the impact on the  
16 utility and to prepare for any changes in the law and compliance with those changes.

17 Q. CAN YOU PLEASE SUMMARIZE THIS SECTION OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

18 A. Yes. SWEPCO has an obligation to our customers and the communities we serve to  
19 promote business policies that provide safe, affordable and reliable power. The  
20 External Affairs organization supports this important mission. Promotion of strong  
21 communities allows SWEPCO to fulfill its responsibilities to be a good corporate  
22 citizen. Clear and timely communications to community leaders are necessary to  
23 provide the public with information that supports the safe and efficient use of

1 electricity and their understanding of issues related to SWEPCO, such as the need for  
2 construction of generation, transmission and distribution facilities, explaining changes  
3 in rates, and tariffs and, providing prompt, accurate outage information. Also, the  
4 economic development support provided by SWEPCO assists our communities in  
5 their endeavors to improve the economic well-being of their citizens and promotes the  
6 spreading of fixed costs among more customers. Further, External Affairs activities  
7 involving monitoring and analyzing legislation keep SWEPCO management apprised  
8 of legislative developments and their impact on the local service territory, enabling  
9 the Company to comply with legislative directives.

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11 IV. AEPSC FEDERAL AFFAIRS & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION

1 Q. IS AEPSC FEDERAL AFFAIRS A PART OF SWEPCO?

2 A. No. It is a separate service company organization that reports directly to Charles  
3 Patton, AEP Executive Vice President External Affairs.

4 Q. WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY AEPSC FEDERAL AFFAIRS?

5 A. AEPSC Federal Affairs provides federal governmental affairs support to SWEPCO  
6 and the other AEP companies. The seven AEPSC Federal Affairs employees monitor  
7 federal legislation and issues that affect the business operations of the AEP  
8 companies, and serves as a resource for federal officials. AEPSC Federal Affairs  
9 employees also engage in legislative advocacy at the federal level. As in the case of  
10 SWEPCO External Affairs, employee time and other costs devoted to AEPSC Federal  
11 Affairs' legislative advocacy activities are segregated and excluded from the costs  
12 included in SWEPCO's rate request.

13 The AEPSC Federal Affairs team also monitors and participates in  
14 rulemakings and other public policy discussions at various federal agencies, such as  
15 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Department of Energy. Like the  
16 SWEPCO External Affairs team, the AEPSC Federal Affairs group utilizes the  
17 expertise of other affected AEP departments in analyzing federal legislative and  
18 regulatory proposals and their effect on the AEP operating companies.

19 AEPSC Federal Affairs services are necessary to ensure that SWEPCO is  
20 apprised of national legislative and regulatory developments and to assess the impact  
21 of such developments on SWEPCO and its customers, enabling SWEPCO to comply  
22 with resulting federal laws and regulations. These services are provided exclusively

1 by AEPSC Federal Affairs. There is no duplication of these services by any other  
2 AEP organization.

3 The provision of these services on a centralized basis allows AEP to achieve  
4 the value of economies of scale by spreading common costs across multiple  
5 subsidiaries. During the Test Year<sup>1</sup>, \$168,797 of affiliate charges for AEPSC Federal  
6 Affairs and administrative services were billed to SWEPCO. Approximately 73  
7 percent of the Federal Affairs costs allocated to SWEPCO are directly related to labor  
8 and fringe benefits for the seven employees including leadership for the department.  
9 The reasonableness of the compensation and benefits paid to the Federal Affairs staff  
10 and External Affairs executive is supported by the testimony of Company witness  
11 Andrew R. Carlin. SWEPCO witness Brian J. Frantz addresses the allocation of these  
12 costs as a part of his testimony.

13 V. AEPSC CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY SERVICES

14 Q. IS AEPSC CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY SERVICES A PART OF SWEPCO?

15 A. No. It is a separate service company organization that reports directly to Charles  
16 Patton, AEP Executive Vice President External Affairs.

17 Q. WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY AEPSC CORPORATE  
18 SUSTAINABILITY SERVICES?

19 A. AEPSC's Corporate Sustainability group of three employees has three main areas of  
20 focus. First, the team is responsible for engaging diverse stakeholders who are  
21 material to our business, involving internal business units as appropriate, in order to  
22 manage risk and capture emerging opportunities. Stakeholders include customers,

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<sup>1</sup> The Test Year includes the twelve-month period ending March 31, 2020.

1 investors, employees, policymakers, community partners, and non-government  
2 organizations. Second, the team promotes transparency by proactively sharing data  
3 and information about AEP's goals, performance, and strategy to demonstrate that we  
4 are listening and responding to stakeholder concerns and needs. They use multiple  
5 channels to reach targeted audiences. Finally, the team integrates sustainability into  
6 strategy, governance, and operations in order to drive shared value for our business  
7 and society.

8 The Corporate Sustainability Team is responsible for AEP's non-financial  
9 performance disclosure, which takes many forms. AEP's Corporate Accountability  
10 Report (CAR) reflects a commitment to transparency by proactively sharing data and  
11 information about our sustainability goals, business strategy, and environmental,  
12 social and governance (ESG) performance. In addition, the team creates  
13 sustainability-related information for local stakeholders that communicates AEP's  
14 clean energy vision and activities. AEP reports using the Global Reporting Initiative  
15 (GRI) and Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) standards, as well as  
16 the Task Force for Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) framework to  
17 address the specific disclosure needs of multiple stakeholder groups.

18 Each year, dozens of commercial and industrial customers request access to  
19 AEP's supply chain performance, goals, environmental and safety performance,  
20 management, and strategy through supplier surveys as part of their contract renewal  
21 and/or new business development. AEP's Corporate Sustainability team manages the  
22 response to these surveys so customers can access current data to ensure AEP's



1 business practices align with their business goals. In 2020, AEP adopted a Supplier  
2 Code of Conduct to help address these needs.

3 In 2020, the Corporate Sustainability Team launched the Edison Electric  
4 Institute's (EEI) Electric Company Carbon Emissions and Electricity Mix Reporting  
5 Template for Customers. This report was developed in collaboration with corporate  
6 customers, EEI, the World Resources Institute (WRI) and peer utilities. The new  
7 report provides customers with consistent, timely, and relevant emissions and energy  
8 mix data that customers need to support their companies' sustainability goals related  
9 to carbon reduction and renewable energy.

10 The Corporate Sustainability Team also responds to dozens of sustainability  
11 surveys, ratings and rankings at the request of investors each year. The resulting  
12 scores inform or influence insurance costs, credit scores, investors, banks and more.  
13 They also produce an annual EEI ESG/Sustainability investor report.

14 The provision of these services on a centralized basis allows AEP to achieve  
15 the value of economies of scale by spreading common costs across multiple  
16 subsidiaries. During the Test Year, \$79,214 of affiliate charges for AEPSC Corporate  
17 Sustainability services were billed to SWEPCO. Approximately 75 percent of the  
18 Corporate Sustainability costs allocated to SWEPCO are directly related to labor and  
19 fringe benefits for the three employees in the Department. The reasonableness of the  
20 compensation and benefits paid to the Corporate Sustainability staff is supported by  
21 the testimony of Company witness Carlin. SWEPCO witness Frantz addresses the  
22 allocation of these costs as a part of his testimony.

23 Q. DO YOU SUPPORT ANY OTHER AFFILIATE COSTS?

1 A. Yes, I do. I also support \$503,202 of AEPSC membership and charitable contribution  
2 expenses charged to SWEPCO for which we seek recovery. Company witness Frantz  
3 calculates the pro forma adjustment associated with these costs. I discuss how these  
4 expenses meet Commission standards for recovery of contributions and memberships  
5 later in my testimony.

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7 VI. CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES

8 Q. DOES SWEPCO MAKE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS?

9 A. Yes, we do.

10 Q. WHAT TYPE OF CONTRIBUTIONS DOES SWEPCO MAKE?

11 A. SWEPCO makes contributions principally in the areas of education, community  
12 service and economic development. Community service contributions assist  
13 community organizations in providing human services, such as food, housing, health,  
14 energy assistance and safety. Once SWEPCO establishes a total budget for  
15 contributions, the SWEPCO Vice President External Affairs and the Director,  
16 Corporate Communications administer the budget in consultation with the External  
17 Affairs Managers and Corporate Communications Consultants. Priority is based on  
18 the anticipated overall benefit to communities in the Company's service area.

19 Q. WHY DOES THE COMPANY MAKE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
20 CIVIC AND CHARITABLE ENTITIES?

21 A. Part of AEP's mission is "to build strong communities." Providing financial support  
22 to non-profit organizations is just one way AEP works toward this goal. SWEPCO  
23 also believes it has a fundamental responsibility as a good corporate citizen to support

1 the communities where it does business. The Company makes contributions in  
2 helping to fulfill this role.

3 Moreover, as I explained earlier, SWEPCO employees also take leadership  
4 roles in their communities and are encouraged to work on volunteer projects to  
5 benefit non-profit organizations.

6 Q. DO THESE CONTRIBUTIONS BENEFIT SWEPCO'S SERVICE AREA?

7 A. Yes, they do. SWEPCO believes that donating locally is a cost-effective method of  
8 assisting our local communities and maximizes the benefits of the dollars for those in  
9 the community. SWEPCO works with the local communities in assessing their needs  
10 and then determines where to make contributions. SWEPCO customers often benefit  
11 directly from Company charitable contributions. One example is SWEPCO's  
12 Neighbor to Neighbor Program, where local non-profit organizations distribute funds  
13 to assist customers in need in paying their utility bills.

14 Q. WHAT ARE THE TOTAL TEST YEAR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND  
15 MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES FOR WHICH SWEPCO SEEKS RECOVERY?

16 A. A listing of the Company's charitable contributions is shown on Schedule G-4.2,  
17 which I co-sponsor with Mr. Baird. The Test Year total for contribution expenses for  
18 which SWEPCO seeks recovery (educational, community service and economic  
19 development) is \$1,047,669 and is referenced in Schedule G-4.2. SWEPCO's portion  
20 of the contributions and donations made by AEPSC is \$191,814 (refer to Schedules  
21 G-4.2a1, G-4.2b1 and G-4.2c1). AEPSC charitable contribution policy and  
22 objectives, and the resulting contributions, are consistent in nature with those made  
23 by SWEPCO.

1 Q. WHAT IS THE LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES PROPOSED FOR  
2 RECOVERY?

3 A. The Test Year total for membership expenses for which SWEPCO seeks recovery is  
4 \$1,082,699 and is referenced in Schedule G-4.3. SWEPCO's portion of the  
5 membership expenses allocated to it by AEPSC is \$311,388 (refer to Schedules  
6 G-4.3a.1, G-4.3b.1 and G-4.3c.1).

7 The reasonableness of AEPSC's allocation to SWEPCO for charitable  
8 contributions and membership expenses is supported by the testimony of Mr. Frantz.  
9 SWEPCO's charitable contributions for which it seeks recovery meets the level  
10 authorized in 16 TAC § 25.231(b)(1)(E). Company witness Michael A. Baird  
11 sponsors the supporting calculations for this determination, shown in Schedule G-4.

12 Q. DO THE CONTRIBUTIONS REQUESTED FOR RECOVERY BY SWEPCO  
13 MEET THE COMMISSION'S REQUIREMENTS FOR RECOVERABLE  
14 CONTRIBUTIONS?

15 A. Yes. I have reviewed all contributions included in Schedule G-4.2 for which  
16 SWEPCO is requesting recovery. None of the contributions violate the standards set  
17 out in 16 TAC § 25.231(b)(2).

18 Q. DO THE MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES REQUESTED FOR RECOVERY BY  
19 SWEPCO MEET THE COMMISSION'S REQUIREMENTS FOR RECOVERABLE  
20 MEMBERSHIP COST?

21 A. Yes. None of the membership costs contained in Schedule G-4.3 violates the  
22 Commission's standards for memberships set out in 16 TAC § 25.231(b)(2)(E), nor  
23 any other prohibition in 16 TAC § 25.231(b)(2).

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VII. SWEPCO CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

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Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY SWEPCO  
CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS.

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A. SWEPCO Corporate Communications performs the following functions:

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- State and local corporate communications and media relations;

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- Company internal and external communications;

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- Local advertising;

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- Emergency communications planning;

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- Liaison with AEPSC Corporate Communications; and

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- Coordination of charitable contributions and sponsorships with SWEPCO  
External Affairs.

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Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE STAFFING AND SERVICES OF SWEPCO'S  
CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP.

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A. There are five full-time employees in SWEPCO's Corporate Communications group.

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The department is staffed with three communications consultants, an administrative  
associate, and a director. The SWEPCO Corporate Communications organization is  
shown in EXHIBIT BB-2.

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This group is responsible for planning, developing, and implementing internal  
and external communication strategies for SWEPCO, both independently and in  
coordination with AEPSC Corporate Communications. SWEPCO Corporate  
Communications is responsible for local customer communications issues, local  
employee communications, and local educational and community programs and  
events, including communications with the local media concerning safety,  
weather-related events, outages and business-related issues.

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1           SWEPCO Corporate Communications responds to requests from news media  
2           regarding specific information about the Company; maintains and regularly updates  
3           content on SWEPCO.com, a publicly accessible website, with technical support from  
4           AEPSC Corporate Communications; and adds to and updates the content on the  
5           SWEPCO Now employee intranet site with Company scorecards, news and other  
6           information. In addition to working with traditional media, SWEPCO Corporate  
7           Communications monitors and posts to company social media sites such as Twitter,  
8           Facebook and YouTube. SWEPCO Corporate Communications also contributes to  
9           AEP Now, the corporate intranet site updated daily for all AEP employees, and  
10          provides information through bill messages and bill inserts sent monthly to SWEPCO  
11          customers.

12          SWEPCO Corporate Communications maintains a Speakers Bureau made up  
13          of Company employees who make presentations to community organizations on  
14          topics ranging from rates to electrical safety. The communications group also  
15          develops and places local newspaper and radio advertising addressing safety, energy  
16          efficiency, customer service programs and reliability issues such as tree trimming.  
17          During major outages, special advertising is developed and placed to keep customers  
18          informed about restoration times and available community services. SWEPCO  
19          Corporate Communications also provides materials for External Affairs, Customer  
20          Services and Marketing, and the Customer Operations Call Centers to assist in  
21          communicating with customers and local community leaders about utility issues  
22          affecting them.

1 Q. DO THE COSTS OF SWEPCO CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS INCLUDE  
2 ANY AFFILIATE CHARGES FROM AEPSC?

3 A. No. All of the five SWEPCO Corporate Communications employees are SWEPCO  
4 employees and all Test Year costs are SWEPCO non-affiliate costs.  
5

6 VIII. AEPSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

7 A. Description of Services

8 Q. DID SWEPCO RECEIVE AFFILIATE CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS  
9 SERVICES DURING THE TEST YEAR IN ADDITION TO THOSE PROVIDED  
10 BY THE SWEPCO CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP?

11 A. Yes. The AEPSC Corporate Communications department provides centralized  
12 services to SWEPCO, which supplement and complement the corporate  
13 communications activities performed by SWEPCO. AEPSC Corporate  
14 Communications is composed of four groups: Internal Communications &  
15 Communications Services, Creative Services, Community Relations & Marketing  
16 Communications, and External Communications. The AEPSC Corporate  
17 Communications organization is shown in EXHIBIT BB-3.

18 Q. WHAT ARE THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO SWEPCO BY AEPSC  
19 CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS?

20 A. AEPSC Corporate Communications provides a variety of communications resources  
21 and services to support the communications and business activities of both the central  
22 organization and the company's utility operating subsidiaries, including SWEPCO.  
23 These resources and services support and facilitate communication between AEP and

1 its internal and external constituencies. These services include, but are not limited to:  
2 media relations support; employee communication support; public safety messaging;  
3 employee/contact safety messaging; advertising/sponsorship services; educational  
4 programming; customer communication support; project liaison services linking  
5 central business units with operating subsidiaries; community relations support; video  
6 production services; internal and external web design, development and maintenance;  
7 graphic design; administration of contributions and memberships; policy  
8 communication support; and social media monitoring and management

9 AEPSC Corporate Communications specializes in providing strategic project  
10 counseling to the AEP operating companies in media and public relations, and  
11 employee communications, including providing affiliates with common messaging  
12 and support on issues and topics that affect or impact all AEP affiliates.

13 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE IN MORE DETAIL THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY  
14 AEPSC INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.

15 A. AEPSC Internal Communications & Communications Services has two major  
16 components. The Internal Communications section is responsible for using AEP's  
17 email system to disseminate corporate messages to employees, and for developing  
18 and maintaining AEP Now, the AEP corporate intranet, which provides all employees  
19 with company information, safety and technical training, senior executive  
20 communication, and other related information. This section researches, writes and  
21 disseminates information relevant to employees, contractors, and retirees and serves  
22 as the primary communications liaison with the corporate Human Resources  
23 department. Working collaboratively, Internal Communications and Human



1 Resources provide employees with current information on company activities,  
2 benefits and industry issues facing all AEP employees, contractors and retirees, and  
3 provides communication support for programs and initiatives developed by the  
4 Human Resources department. The staff contributes material to AEP Now, the  
5 company's primary intranet news platform, and serves as a conduit for sharing  
6 operating company information with the general employee population.

7 A separate group of Communications Consultants serves as the  
8 communications liaison to the individual operating companies on major projects,  
9 issues and initiatives. The group also provides communications support to those  
10 central business units that provide services to AEP's operating entities (e.g., the  
11 group supports the AEPSC Transmission, Generation and Customer Service,  
12 Marketing and Distribution Services groups) as well as general communications  
13 support for all of AEP's operating subsidiary utility companies including SWEPCO.  
14 This structure allows the AEPSC Communications Services section to serve as a  
15 liaison between operating company communications staffs and specific subject matter  
16 experts that are located within the central organizations. This section also supports  
17 communication activities concerning field operations issues that are shared in  
18 common, such as safety. This section is responsible for ensuring that  
19 communications strategies and information are consistent across all operating  
20 companies with respect to major projects, issues and initiatives. This section creates  
21 communications materials for use by the local operating company representatives  
22 such as web content, fact sheets, white papers, talking points, frequently asked  
23 questions, slide presentations, and displays. These materials enable the local

1 operating company representatives to communicate efficiently and consistently to  
2 local stakeholders regarding corporate and industry activities.

3 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE IN MORE DETAIL THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY  
4 AEPSC CREATIVE SERVICES.

5 A. AEPSC Creative Services supports the operating companies by:

- 6 • Serving as an in-house production agency, creating live internal and external web  
7 casts, 2D and 3D animation, web and application development, video production,  
8 design, photography, and print production.
- 9 • Researching and developing emerging electronic communications technology,  
10 including virtual summits, mobile development, interactive magazine  
11 development, and responsive design.
- 12 • Maintaining the repository of the corporate accountability report and other  
13 important company messages for investors and other stakeholders.

14 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE IN MORE DETAIL THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE  
15 COMMUNITY RELATIONS & MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS GROUP  
16 WITHIN AEPSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS.

17 A. The AEPSC Community Relations & Marketing Communications group oversees  
18 corporate matching gifts to colleges and universities and philanthropic contributions,  
19 including the grants administration for the AEP Foundation. This group coordinates  
20 administration of a gifts database among headquarters, business units and the  
21 operating companies to process and track contribution and membership payments to  
22 organizations. This group is also involved in development of child and adult public  
23 safety advertising campaigns used in television and newspapers throughout AEP's  
24 11-state service area and the creation of advertisements and public service messages  
25 aimed at educating the community about AEP's work to enhance the communities it

1 serves. It also handles advertising sponsorships. Finally, this group develops and  
2 coordinates pre-k through grade 12 education initiatives, including teacher  
3 workshops, school presentations, scholarship programs, school partnerships,  
4 mentoring and curriculum focused on safety, energy, environment, economics, and  
5 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

6 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE IN MORE DETAIL THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY  
7 AEPSC EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

8 A. AEPSC External Communications interacts with regional, national, international,  
9 financial and trade media. The group provides support to the local operating  
10 companies in responding to media inquiries with AEP's position on national and  
11 corporate issues. For example, if a local operating company receives a local media  
12 request for comment on a financial, legal, or national public policy issue, the local  
13 operating company representative may refer the reporter to the Corporate Media  
14 Relations staff. The staff drafts news releases, conducts news conferences and  
15 briefings, creates talking points, responds to media inquiries, arranges and facilitates  
16 media interviews for AEP management, and meets frequently with media to improve  
17 reporters' understanding of AEP, its utility operations, and its positions on industry  
18 issues. The group is also responsible for the corporation's overall social media  
19 strategy and social media support for the operating companies, including SWEPCO.

20 The section is also responsible for developing and maintaining AEP.COM,  
21 AEP's website, and major elements of SWEPCO.COM, the website specific to  
22 SWEPCO, which provides customer service guides, company news, current issues,  
23 and information on storms and outages, safety, and energy efficiency.

1 Q. WHY IS IT APPROPRIATE FOR THESE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE  
2 CENTRALIZED CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP RATHER THAN  
3 SWEPCO?

4 A. These services are generally provided on a system-wide basis and are not specific to  
5 SWEPCO. By offering such services on a centralized basis, AEP achieves economies  
6 of scale and scope by sharing common costs across multiple subsidiaries, reducing  
7 overlap, and avoiding duplication in staffing.

8 Q. ARE THE AEPSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES  
9 REASONABLE AND NECESSARY?

10 A. Yes. As I have already described, the AEPSC Corporate Communications  
11 Department serves as a medium through which information flows among AEP,  
12 SWEPCO, and our various stakeholders. Customer communications are necessary to  
13 provide the public with information that supports the safe and efficient use of  
14 electricity. These communications supply important and needed information to  
15 customers, shareholders, employees, the media and other critical stakeholders

16 Q. IS THERE ANY DUPLICATION OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO SWEPCO BY  
17 THE AEPSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS GROUPS?

18 A. No, there is not. As demonstrated in my description of these services, there is a clear  
19 line of demarcation between the corporate communications services provided by the  
20 AEPSC Corporate Communications group and SWEPCO Corporate Communications  
21 employees. Specifically, the services provided by SWEPCO Corporate  
22 Communications focus on local communications issues while the services provided  
23 by AEPSC are generally system-wide or supplementary to local efforts. For example,

1 AEPSC has historically created and developed safety advertising for the operating  
2 companies, including SWEPCO. This advertising is then customized for use on a  
3 local level in SWEPCO's service territory. No other organization within AEP  
4 provides corporate communications services to SWEPCO.

5 B. Reasonableness of AEPSC Corporate Communications Costs

6 Q. WHAT IS THE TOTAL CHARGE FOR AEPSC CORPORATE  
7 COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROVIDED TO SWEPCO DURING THE TEST  
8 YEAR?

9 A. The total Test Year charges for the AEPSC Corporate Communications affiliate class  
10 services provided to SWEPCO are \$661,139. The following is a breakdown of the  
11 AEPSC Corporate Communications charges to SWEPCO:

Community Relations and Marketing Communications	\$19,788
Creative Services	\$193,365
External Communications	\$239,116
Internal Communications and Communication Services	\$144,419
Corporate Communications Administration	\$61,824
TOTAL	\$661,139

12 Q. WHAT ARE THE MAJOR COMPONENTS OF THESE COSTS?

13 A. The major components of the AEPSC Corporate Communications charges for the  
14 Test Year are as follows:

Labor/Benefits	\$514,059
Outside Services	\$106,034
Materials & Supplies	\$7,914
Employee Expenses	\$10,403
Clearings/Billings	\$ 1,160
Other	\$21,569
TOTAL	\$661,139

1 Q. WHY ARE THESE COST COMPONENT CATEGORIES SIGNIFICANT?

2 A. This breakdown shows that 78% of the Test Year AEPSC Corporate Communications  
3 affiliate charges to SWEPCO are composed of labor and related employee benefits.  
4 The reasonableness of AEPSC's salaries and employee benefit costs is supported by  
5 the testimony of Company witness Andrew Carlin.

6 1. Cost Trends

7 Q. PLEASE DISCUSS THE TRENDS IN AEPSC CORPORATE  
8 COMMUNICATIONS CHARGES TO SWEPCO LEADING UP TO THE TEST  
9 YEAR.

10 A. The following table depicts the trends in SWEPCO's actual affiliate charges for  
11 AEPSC Corporate Communications services for the calendar years 2017, 2018 and  
12 2019 and the Test Year costs for which SWEPCO is seeking recovery.

AEPSC Corporate Communications	2017	2018	2019	Test Year
	\$619,077	\$666,720	\$680,891	\$661,139

13 AEPSC charges to SWEPCO have remained relatively stable in this period.  
14 These relatively stable costs are consistent with Corporate Communications'  
15 continuing efforts to control costs.

16 2. Budget Planning

1 Q. WHAT PROCESSES DOES THE AEPSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS  
2 GROUP USE TO ENSURE COST EFFECTIVE PROVISION OF SERVICES?

3 A. AEPSC Corporate Communications employs standardized corporate budgeting tools  
4 to ensure that costs are controlled within the individual sections of the department.  
5 AEPSC Corporate Communications has its own budget plans to which it must adhere.  
6 Budgets are set annually and compliance is monitored by the use of monthly variance  
7 reports.

8 Q. HOW HAS AEPSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS PERFORMED IN  
9 COMPARISON TO ITS FORECAST?

10 A. Table 1 below compares AEPSC Corporate Communications' total, actual  
11 expenditures to forecast for which it is accountable, for calendar years 2018 to 2019.  
12 These expenses are apportioned to AEP's operating companies, including SWEPCO,  
13 based on pre-determined allocation formulas. As noted above, affiliate costs to  
14 SWEPCO have remained relatively stable. AEPSC Corporate Communications'  
15 variances were mild for 2018 and 2019, and actual was less than forecast for the Test  
16 Year.

**Table 1**

AEPSC Corporate Communications	2018 (000's)	2019 (000's)	Test Year (000's)
FORECAST	\$5,522	\$5,827	\$6,283
ACTUAL	5,501	\$5,729	\$5,853
VARIANCE Over/(Under)	(\$21)	\$98	(\$430)

17 Q. HOW DOES THIS COMPARISON OF FORECAST VERSUS ACTUAL AEPSC  
18 CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS COSTS DEMONSTRATE THAT THESE  
19 COSTS ARE REASONABLE?

1 A. AEPSC Corporate Communications’ variances provide support for the fact that the  
2 department’s managers are effectively managing expenses and making reasonable  
3 and prudent decisions regarding major spending initiatives.

4 3. Staffing Trends

5 Q. PLEASE DISCUSS STAFFING CHANGES WITHIN AEPSC CORPORATE  
6 COMMUNICATIONS.

7 A. As shown in Table 2 below, staffing levels have remained relatively consistent over  
8 the past two years.

**Table 2**

AEPSC Corporate Communications FTEs	2017	2018	2019	Test Year
	37	42	40	41

9 4. Outsourcing

10 Q. DOES AEPSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS USE OUTSOURCING  
11 AND/OR CONTRACT SERVICES AS A WAY TO CONTROL ITS COSTS?

12 A. Yes. Outsourcing and contract services are used as necessary to provide specialized  
13 services that AEPSC Corporate Communications is not staffed to provide and to  
14 supplement services they provide. Outside services and contractors are used in lieu of  
15 hiring additional permanent staff. Specifically, outside service providers are used to  
16 perform “overflow” work activities when demands for communications support  
17 exceeds the department’s ability to satisfy those needs with existing in-house  
18 resources. Outside services can include: project writing assignments, specialized  
19 publication and graphics design and production services, project research services,  
20 specialized video/web production needs and certain safety advertising campaigns.



1 This approach allows AEPSC Corporate Communications to avoid the cost of  
2 providing additional full-time staff to perform these occasional, specialized services.  
3

4 IX. ADVERTISING EXPENSES

5 Q. DOES THE AMOUNT OF ADVERTISING EXPENSE REQUESTED FOR  
6 RECOVERY BY SWEPCO MEET THE COMMISSION'S REQUIREMENTS FOR  
7 RECOVERABLE ADVERTISING COST?

8 A. Yes. As also discussed by SWEPCO witness Baird, the advertising costs contained in  
9 Schedule G-4.1, along with SWEPCO's contributions and donations, meet the  
10 Commission's standards set out in 16 TAC § 25.231(b)(1)(E) and not include any  
11 expense for the promotion of increased consumption of electricity.  
12

13 X. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AFFILIATE CHARGES

14 A. Organization of Environmental Services

15 Q. THE TEST YEAR IN SWEPCO'S LAST BASE RATE CASE IN PUC DOCKET  
16 NO. 46449 WAS JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016. HAVE THERE BEEN  
17 ANY CHANGES IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL, SAFETY, AND HEALTH  
18 ORGANIZATION SINCE THAT PRIOR TEST YEAR?

19 A. Yes. In 2015, the Environmental, Safety, and Health department was reorganized,  
20 and the Environmental Services department now stands alone as part of the  
21 Generation organization. In 2019, the Environmental Services department underwent  
22 a thorough review to ensure the services provided and staffing were in line with the

1 changing needs of the corporation. This action was taken as a result of numerous  
2 AEP fossil fuel plants that have either been sold or retired over the past few years.

3 Q. WHAT CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT OF  
4 THE 2019 REVIEW?

5 A. All of the changes made within Environmental Services were done for the purpose of  
6 reducing operating costs, improving efficiency, eliminating waste, and minimizing  
7 risks of noncompliance. Services deemed to be core and high value in nature were  
8 retained and optimized, while some low volume or commodity functions were  
9 eliminated in favor of lower cost outsourced options. All changes were fully vetted  
10 with SWEPCO leadership prior to implementation. The most visible change to  
11 Environmental Services was the consolidation of three laboratories into a single  
12 location. The labs were located in Groveport, OH, Athens, OH, and Shreveport, LA.  
13 Since inception of the three sites decades ago, the types of samples analyzed,  
14 analytical processes used, and volumes of samples processed have changed  
15 dramatically. An in-depth evaluation of the three sites revealed that substantial  
16 efficiencies would be created by combining the three sites into a single operating  
17 location, producing annual labor and non-labor savings of more than one million  
18 dollars. Due to its size and capabilities, the Dolan Chemical Laboratory was most  
19 suited to house all functions. The other two sites were closed. A total of 10 job  
20 positions were eliminated with this consolidation, which included the transfer to  
21 Dolan Lab of two employees formerly at the Shreveport location. Beyond the  
22 laboratory changes, numerous other changes were made across the department,  
23 resulting in an additional 14 position reductions. A new Environmental Risk

1 Management position was added to facilitate processes and analyses to optimize  
2 compliance planning and reduce risks of noncompliance. Environmental services  
3 continues to support the environmental needs of AEP Generation, Transmission,  
4 Distribution, Workplace Services, Telecommunications, and AEP Energy Partners.

5 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES IS STRUCTURED.

6 A. Environmental Services includes the following sections:

- 7 • Air Quality Services (AQS);
- 8 • Water & Ecological Resource Services (WERS);
- 9 • Land Environment and Remediation Services (LERS);
- 10 • Dolan Chemical Laboratory (DCL);
- 11 • Environmental Risk Management (ERM); and
- 12 • Environmental Management System (EMS).

13 B. Function and Services of Environmental Services

14 Q. WHAT ARE THE MAJOR FUNCTIONS OF EACH OF THESE SECTIONS?

15 A. The primary role of Environmental Services is to provide permitting and compliance  
16 support, guidance, procedures, recommendations and training for AEP's operating  
17 companies in order to maintain and improve their environmental programs and  
18 enhance compliance with environmental laws, regulations, and policies.  
19 Environmental Services is also involved in the development process for  
20 environmental regulations, coordinating with other groups within AEP as well as with  
21 SWEPCO and other operating companies, as applicable. Environmental Services  
22 supports AEP's corporate strategies and values concerning the environment.

23 Air Quality Services, Water & Ecological Resource Services, and Land  
24 Environment and Remediation Services are responsible for preparing and submitting

1 applications to obtain environmental permits for AEP operations, providing guidance  
2 and training for operations staff regarding compliance with permits and overall  
3 regulations, submittal of compliance reports to state and federal agencies, reporting  
4 and cleanup of spills, conducting site inspections, and arranging for disposal of solid  
5 wastes. This effort includes direct support for SWEPCO's generation plants,  
6 distribution operations, and transmission operations, as well as general support on  
7 broader environmental issues and regulatory programs that have impacts on  
8 SWEPCO operations. These sections, in conjunction with Environmental Risk  
9 Management, provide timely, accurate, and proactive analysis for corporate decision-  
10 making on environmental investments in AEP's system-wide least-cost  
11 environmental compliance plan.

12 The Dolan Chemical Laboratory section provides low cost analytical services  
13 for compliance sample analysis and also customized analytical services to help  
14 resolve problems of a chemical or physical nature that occur at operations facilities.  
15 This support covers generating plants and distribution and transmission operations.  
16 Environmental Risk Management is responsible to evaluate, develop, and direct  
17 programs for environmental risk identification and mitigation.

18 Environmental Management Systems develops standardized processes and  
19 applications to support environmental compliance activities. At the core of their  
20 purpose is essential compliance document control and management. They also lead  
21 continuous improvement initiatives and provide environmental training development.

22 Environmental Services staff are located primarily in Columbus, OH,  
23 Shreveport, LA, and Dallas, TX. In addition, Environmental Services staff with

1 primary responsibility for compliance support for distribution and transmission are  
2 located throughout the AEP service territory, including employees in Shreveport, LA  
3 and Longview, TX.

4 Q. WHAT SERVICES WERE PROVIDED TO SWEPCO BY ENVIRONMENTAL  
5 SERVICES DURING THE TEST YEAR?

6 A. Environmental Services provided support for permitting and associated compliance  
7 activities associated with SWEPCO's generation, transmission and distribution  
8 operations necessary to comply with federal and state regulatory programs protecting  
9 air, water, and land resources. Specifically, AQS supported SWEPCO's generating  
10 facilities by reviewing annual emissions inventories, preparing the annual Title V  
11 compliance certification as well as semiannual and quarterly deviation reports,  
12 providing corrective action responses to notice of violations, completing required  
13 Energy Information Agency reporting, and preparing Title V permit renewal  
14 applications as needed.

15 Similarly, the WERS section provided support for National Pollutant  
16 Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for wastewater and storm water  
17 discharges by scheduling biomonitoring testing, including preparing and submitting  
18 required reports; facilitating NPDES permit renewals by performing discharge  
19 sampling, preparing the application, and meeting with agency officials to negotiate  
20 final terms and conditions; preparing stormwater construction permit documents such  
21 as notices of intent and termination and stormwater pollution prevention plans; and  
22 providing ongoing assistance to plants through evaluations and inspections of  
23 wastewater treatment facilities.

1 Land Environment and Remediation Services coordinated sampling of  
2 groundwater monitoring wells, including preparation of sampling and analysis plans  
3 and submission of reports to the appropriate agency; and provided training for Plant  
4 Environmental Coordinators on waste-related recordkeeping, reporting, and preparing  
5 shipments of waste for disposal, as well as the standards of the Emergency Planning  
6 and Community Right-to-Know and Toxic Substances Control Act requirements,  
7 such as assisting with collecting samples for PCB analysis.

8 Regional Environmental Coordinators are responsible for providing  
9 waste-related compliance services to SWEPCO's Transmission and Distribution  
10 (T&D) groups through conducting site visits to T&D facilities and coordinating  
11 clean-up and reporting of oil and chemical spills.

12 The Dolan Chemical Laboratory, formerly the Analytical Chemistry Services  
13 section, supported SWEPCO by performing analysis of samples collected at its  
14 facilities as required for permitting and compliance activities.

15  
16 Q. ARE THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO SWEPCO BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
17 SERVICES ORGANIZATION NECESSARY TO SWEPCO'S UTILITY  
18 OPERATIONS?

19 A. Yes. The services provided by Environmental Services are essential to ensure that  
20 SWEPCO's utility operations and services are performed in a manner consistent with  
21 employee and public safety, and in compliance with applicable state and federal  
22 environmental laws and regulations. Environmental Services also plays an important  
23 role in helping SWEPCO interpret and plan for new rules.

1 C. Reasonableness of SWEPCO Affiliate Charges

2 Q. WHAT TYPES OF EVIDENCE DO YOU PRESENT TO SUPPORT RECOVERY  
3 OF THE SWEPCO ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CHARGES FROM AEPSC?

4 A. I present evidence detailing historical cost and budget trends; process improvements  
5 aimed at achieving efficiency; staffing trends; outsourcing activities; proof of benefits  
6 to SWEPCO; and non-duplication of services between SWEPCO and the AEPSC  
7 Environmental Services organization.

8 Q. WHAT IS THE SWEPCO ADJUSTED TEST YEAR COST FOR SERVICES  
9 PROVIDED BY AEPSC ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES?

10 A. During the Test Year, SWEPCO was charged \$4,003,363 for services performed by  
11 AEPSC's Environmental Services organization.

12 Q. HOW ARE THESE CHARGES DISTRIBUTED WITHIN ENVIRONMENTAL  
13 SERVICES?

14 A. Approximately 28% of the charges were for lab services rendered by Dolan Chemical  
15 Laboratory. The next largest amount was provided by Air Quality services with  
16 approximately 23%. The other Environmental Services sections combined account  
17 for the remaining 49% of billings. A complete breakdown of this distribution is  
18 provided in Table 1.

Table 1 – Test Year Charges to SWEPCO by Cost Category (\$)

Department	Labor and Related Overheads	Outside Services	Materials and Supplies	Travel & Entertainment	Other	Total SWEPCO Test Year	Total % of SWEPCO Test Year
Air Quality Services	876,713	968	1,066	18,151	6,361	903,259	22.6
WERS	180,014	668	537	9,524	694	191,437	4.8
Land Env & Remediation	583,377	11,367	2,269	15,005	5,604	617,623	15.4
Dolan Chemical Lab	743,183	57,595	209,620	11,848	116,122	1,138,368	28.4

Env. Management Systems	144,159	131,179	474	2,187	5,217	283,217	7.1
Environmental Services	751,087	50,410	961	16,872	5,787	825,117	20.6
Environmental Risk Mgt.	10,170	34,172	-	-	-	44,342	1.1
Total SWEPCO Test Year	3,288,703	286,359	214,927	73,587	139,785	4,003,363	-----
Total % of SWEPCO Test Year	82.1%	7.2%	5.4%	1.8%	3.5%	-----	100%

1 Q. HOW ARE THESE CHARGES DISTRIBUTED BY COST CATEGORY?

2 A. As displayed in Table 1, nearly 82% of Environmental Service's charges to SWEPCO  
3 are for labor and labor-related overheads. The category "Outside Services" is the  
4 second most-charged cost category with approximately 7% of the billings. The  
5 remaining cost categories – which include Materials and Supplies, Travel, and Other  
6 – combined account for approximately 11% of charges to SWEPCO. As primarily a  
7 service organization, the majority of the costs billed by Environmental Services relate  
8 to employee time. The testimony of SWEPCO witness Carlin discusses employee  
9 salaries and benefits in support of the reasonableness of labor-related charges.

10 Historical Cost Trends

11 Q. WHAT IS THE COST TREND FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY  
12 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO SWEPCO?

13 A. The Environmental Services costs charged to SWEPCO by section and by cost  
14 category are shown in Tables 2 and 3, respectively. The charges are shown for the  
15 prior historical years 2017 through 2019 and the current Test Year.

16 Table 2 – Historical Costs by Section (\$)

Department	2017	2018	2019	Current Test Year
Air Quality Services	961,225	920,293	928,581	903,259
WERS	167,135	189,780	183,218	191,437



Land Env & Remediation Svcs	570,554	525,464	593,755	617,623
Dolan Chemical Laboratory	1,197,742	1,178,448	1,206,633	1,138,368
Env. Management Systems	244,833	179,581	295,288	283,217
Environmental Services	319,829	350,479	864,548	825,118
Environmental Risk Mgt.	-	-	31,921	44,342
<b>Total Environmental Services</b>	<b>3,461,318</b>	<b>3,344,046</b>	<b>4,103,944</b>	<b>4,003,363</b>

Table 3 – Historical Costs by Cost Category (\$)

Cost Category	2017	2018	2019	Current Test Year
Labor & Benefits	2,704,405	2,683,919	3,386,462	3,322,876
Outside Services	306,754	260,713	310,009	252,187
Materials and Supplies	215,556	218,211	197,495	214,928
Employee Expenses	90,242	72,222	78,041	73,588
Other	144,362	108,981	131,936	139,783
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,461,319</b>	<b>3,344,046</b>	<b>4,103,943</b>	<b>4,003,362</b>

The category Labor & Benefits includes labor, fringes, incentives, and severance costs. Costs for Outside Services, Materials & Supplies, Employee Expenses and Other Cost Categories all decreased when comparing the Test Year expenses to 2017.

The reasonableness of labor costs is further supported by the testimony of SWEPCO witness Carlin, who discusses incentive compensation and long-term incentives and employee benefits.

Q. HOW DOES AEPSC MONITOR AND CONTROL ITS BUDGET WITH REGARD TO CHARGES TO SWEPCO?

A. AEPSC has a similar process for budgeting that SWEPCO follows where projects are assessed and prioritized, then budgets are created based on available funds and projected needs of the operating company. Those budgets are reviewed at multiple

1 levels of the organization to ensure that money is being spent where it needs to be,  
2 and to ensure that the budgets are reasonable.

3 D. Process Improvements Aimed at Achieving Efficiency

4 Q. DOES THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ORGANIZATION UTILIZE ANY  
5 PROCESSES AIMED AT IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF ITS SERVICES?

6 A. Yes. Environmental Services utilizes the Managing Environment, Safety, & Health  
7 (MESH) system to assure compliance with environmental regulations at generating  
8 facilities. The MESH management system is a flexible, web-based application  
9 designed to track routine tasks, manage ongoing data collection, and generate  
10 necessary reports in a secure platform. It incorporates processes that take a  
11 systematic approach to improving performance through:

- 12 • Improved management of SWEPCO's significant environmental impacts;
- 13 • Written operational controls to protect the environment as well as the safety and  
14 health of our work force; and
- 15 • Preservation of accumulated knowledge and commitments independent of  
16 personnel changes.

17 The MESH system, managed by the Environmental Management Systems  
18 (EMS) group, helps AEPSC and SWEPCO proactively minimize costs in the long  
19 term associated with environmental penalties for non-compliance.

20 Environmental Services has also employed a department-wide continuous  
21 improvement program, rooted in learning from past behaviors and sharing of best  
22 practices. All reportable environmental events are now reviewed by the leadership  
23 team, identifying root causes and lessons learned, and these learnings are applied  
24 more broadly to eliminate vulnerabilities and improve other processes. An

Environmental Good Catch (EGC) program has also been developed to encourage all employees to identify situations that, if not corrected, might lead to noncompliance conditions. EGCs are shared through a tool developed by EMS and used department-wide for learning and improving. Department leadership briefly reviews an EGC at every staff meeting as a practice to always be looking for ways to improve.

#### E. Staffing Trends

Q. WHAT ARE THE STAFFING TRENDS BY YEAR FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES?

A. The end-of-year staffing counts represent the total number of employees reporting to the Environmental Services organization, and are provided in Table 4 below:

Table 4 – ES Staffing Levels

Department	2017	2018	2019	2020
Air Quality	22	21	21	14
WERS	25	26	25	31
Land Environment & Remediation	18	19	17	15
Analytical Chemistry Services	40	40	31	26
Environmental Services	4	4	3	3
Env Management Systems	5	5	6	7
Environmental Risk Mgt.	-	-	1	1
Total Environmental Services	114	115	104	97

The number of employees in the Environmental Services organization was reduced in 2019 and early 2020 in an effort to optimize department efficiencies and reduce costs.

#### Benefits to SWEPCO

Q. IS THERE AN ADVANTAGE TO SWEPCO BY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STAFF PROVIDING THESE SERVICES RATHER THAN SWEPCO PROVIDING THESE SERVICES INTERNALLY?

1 A. Yes. Environmental issues require specialized knowledge and affect all of AEP's  
2 operating companies, including SWEPCO. A central service organization such as  
3 AEPSC serves as a common knowledge base with highly specialized expertise and  
4 provides consistency of support to AEP's operating companies in a more cost-  
5 effective manner than if the utilities had to staff and provide these services in-house.  
6 The organizational framework in place allows Environmental Services to leverage  
7 relationships we have nationally or within one jurisdiction to benefit all AEP utilities.  
8 This approach helps the AEP operating companies meet the expectations of its federal  
9 and state regulators.

10 Q. ARE THERE OTHER EXAMPLES OF THE ADVANTAGE TO SWEPCO OF  
11 PROVIDING ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ON A CENTRALIZED BASIS?

12 A. Yes. One such example relates to risk management. Non-compliance with  
13 environmental regulations can result in significant fines and restrictions on operations  
14 and damage to the public reputation of AEP and its affiliated companies. It is critical  
15 that the various business operations of AEP understand their compliance obligations  
16 and operate on a daily basis to meet those obligations. Consistency across AEP is an  
17 important aspect of demonstrating an effective compliance program. Having a  
18 centralized environmental program helps ensure consistency across the 11 states in  
19 which AEP and its affiliates operate.

20 As for permitting activities, using a centralized organization such as  
21 Environmental Services is beneficial as most permit renewal cycles are typically five  
22 years, and support staff can be more fully utilized with responsibilities for multiple  
23 operating companies versus responsibility for only one. Use of a centralized

1       permitting group also allows for sharing of knowledge related to permitting  
2       conditions so that a facility does not receive more stringent terms than needed based  
3       on its true environmental impact.

4               By creating a consistent set of processes and standards that are shared by all of  
5       the AEP operating companies, the rigor and justification for self-implemented  
6       policies and practices is reinforced and supported much more broadly.

7                               F. No Duplication of Services

8   Q.    ARE ANY OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
9        DUPLICATED BY SWEPCO?

10 A.   No.   While Environmental Services personnel may collaborate with SWEPCO  
11       employees to jointly accomplish environmental permitting-related and compliance-  
12       related activities, the activities of SWEPCO personnel do not overlap. The division  
13       of responsibilities allows SWEPCO personnel to remain focused on day-to-day  
14       operational concerns that best serve SWEPCO customers.

15                              G. Outsourcing

16 Q.    DOES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES OUTSOURCE ANY OF ITS  
17        ACTIVITIES?

18 A.   Environmental Services utilizes third-party consultants for work for which it does not  
19       have expertise on-staff or where a state or federal agency requires an independent  
20       entity to perform the activity. One example is the use of third-party consultants to  
21       conduct environmental site assessments for acquisition and sale of property.

1 Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY FINAL COMMENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL  
2 REGULATIONS AND THE LEVEL OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
3 ACTIVITY ON BEHALF OF SWEPCO?

4 A. Yes, I do. Final and proposed EPA regulations will increasingly affect fossil-fueled  
5 power plants, and it will be incumbent on SWEPCO to comply with these regulations.

6 XI. CONCLUSION

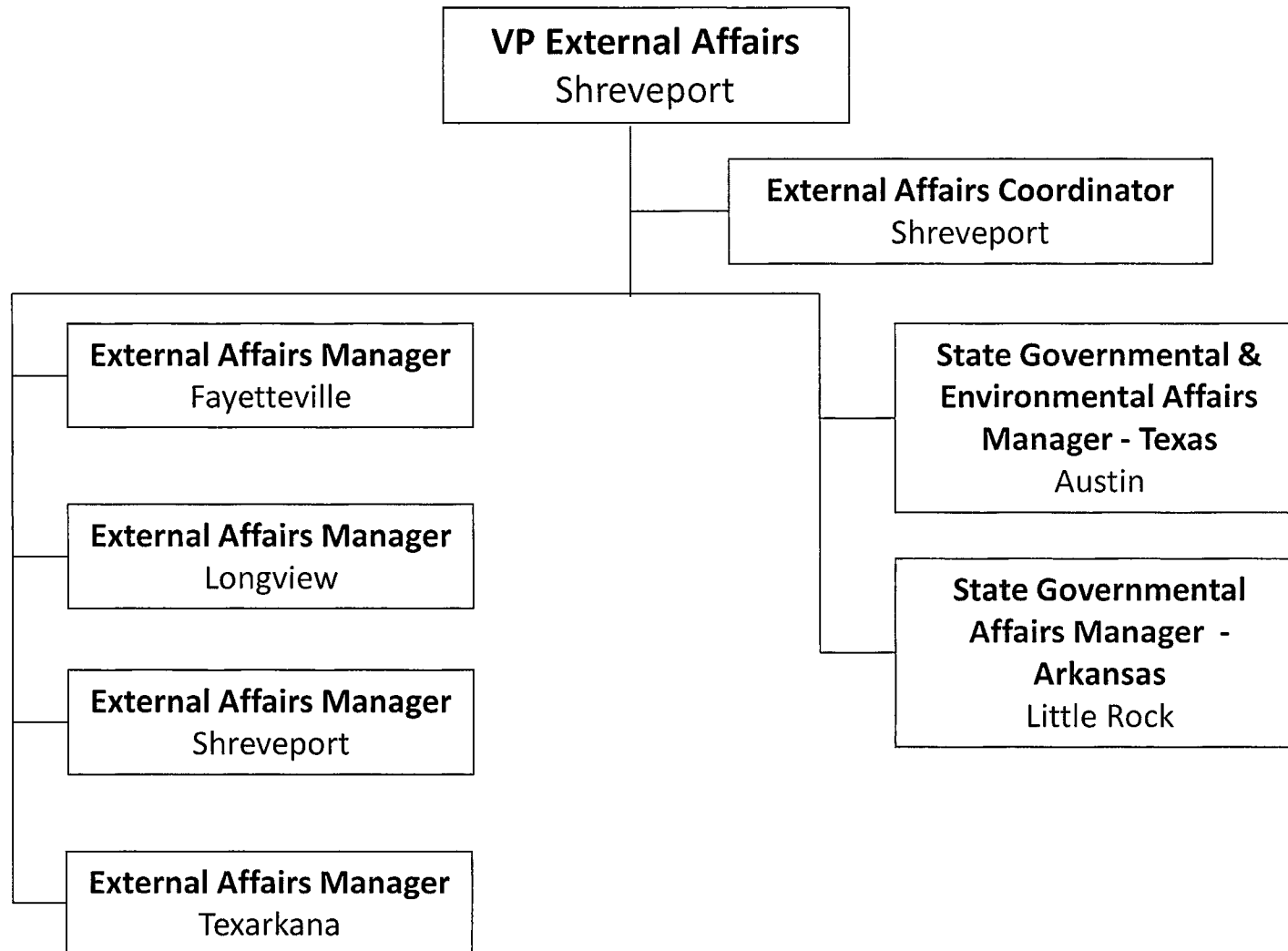
7 Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR TESTIMONY.

8 A. The services provided by SWEPCO External Affairs, AEPSC Federal Affairs and  
9 AEPSC Corporate Sustainability Services support SWEPCO's mission to provide  
10 safe, reliable and affordable electricity, and provide significant benefits to our  
11 customers. Many charitable organizations and educational institutions within  
12 SWEPCO's service territory are able to fulfill their respective missions, in part  
13 because of the contributions made by SWEPCO and its employee volunteers.  
14 Recovery of the costs associated with providing these services is necessary for our  
15 company to meet the ongoing obligation to our customers and communities.

16 The services provided by SWEPCO Corporate Communications and AEPSC  
17 Corporate Communications are also essential to SWEPCO's mission to provide safe,  
18 reliable and affordable electricity, and provide significant benefits to our customers.  
19 Recovery of the costs associated with providing these services is necessary for our  
20 company to meet the ongoing obligation to our customers and communities.  
21 Additionally, the advertising expense requested by SWEPCO meets Commission  
22 standards for recovery in rates.

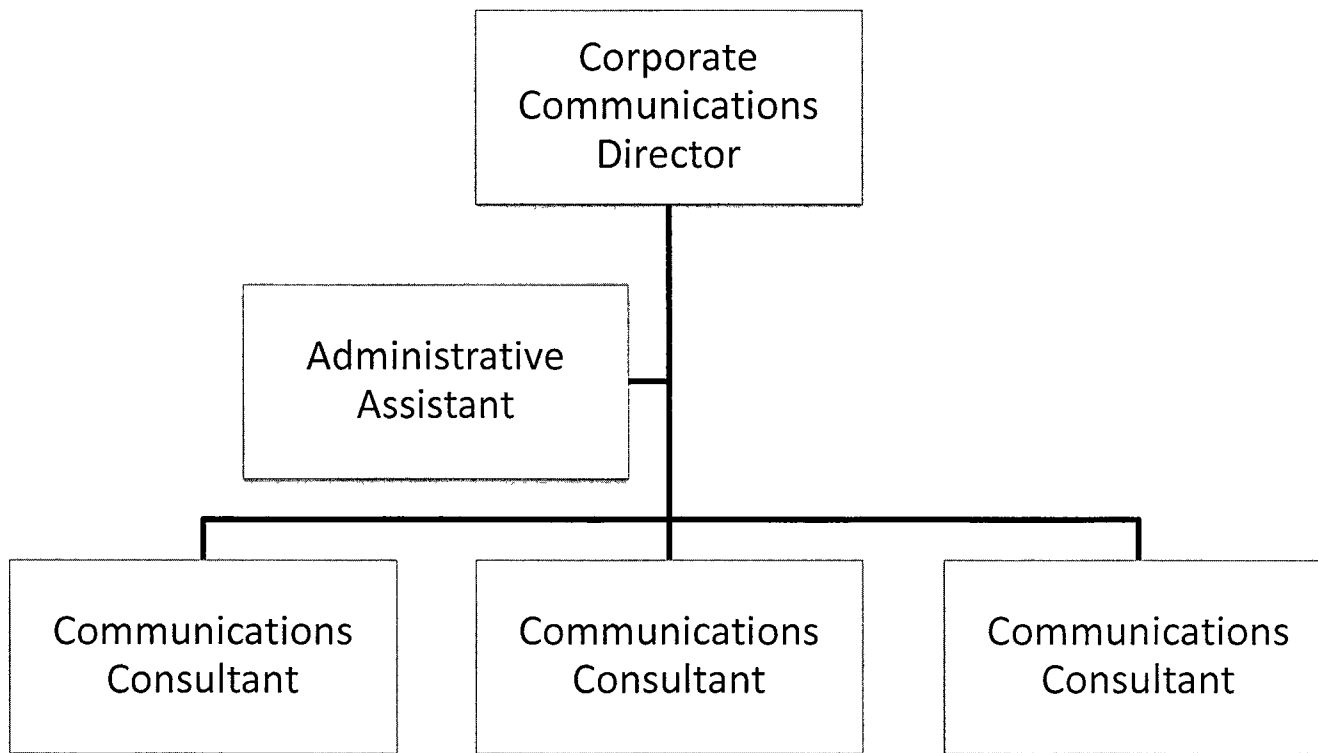
1                   Finally, AEPSC Environmental Services provides critical, cost effective  
2                   support to ensure SWEPCO's generation, distribution, transmission and other  
3                   facilities are operated in compliance with federal and state environmental regulations.  
4    Q.       DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?  
5    A.       Yes, it does.

## External Affairs Organization Chart

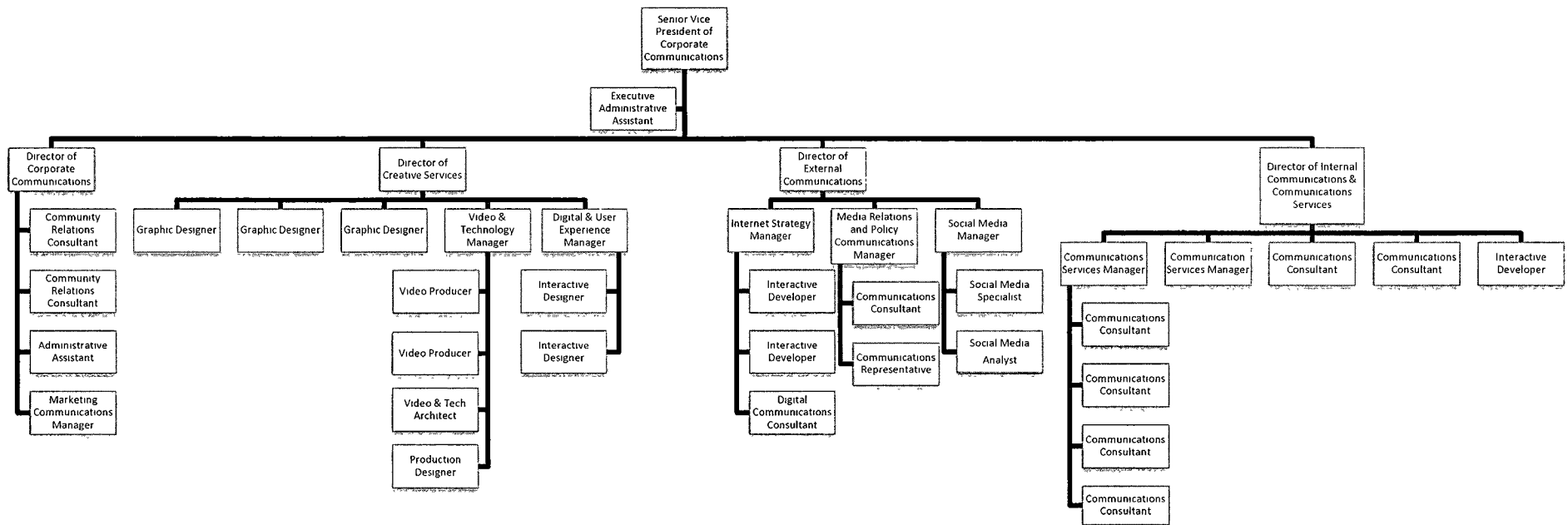




## SWEPCO Corporate Communications Organization Chart



# AEPSC Corporate Communications Organization Chart



### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PAUL M. EIDEN

Paul M. Eiden, Officer, Vice President, and Project Director with Sargent & Lundy LLC (S&L), supports the site-specific demolition studies conducted by S&L to estimate the costs of dismantling Southwestern Electric Power Company's (SWEPCO) electric generating stations. In this testimony, Mr. Eiden first explains why it is necessary to dismantle a generating station at the end of its useful life. He then discusses how the study was produced, explaining that the S&L demolition cost estimates are an update to the SWEPCO electric generating facility demolition cost estimates that S&L prepared in 2016.

The purpose of Mr. Eiden's testimony, and the attached 2020 demolition cost estimate, is to capture any changes at the SWEPCO facilities since 2016 that would affect demolition costs and to reflect current market prices for construction labor, scrap value, and other applicable costs. Unlike past demolition studies, which involved person-to-person interviews and plant site visits, S&L engaged with SWEPCO management and site representatives remotely to accommodate the health and safety precautions being taken as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Eiden's testimony confirms that the demolition cost estimates were methodically developed using currently available data and input from SWEPCO personnel. S&L's approach is consistent with the process used to develop the 2016 study. The primary difference between the 2020 and the 2016 demolition cost studies is the increase in scrap value, which accounts for a \$25,295,632 decrease in the net cost of demolition. The overall cost is further reduced by a decrease in contingency of \$7,269,490. These reductions are partially offset by an increase in direct costs of \$14,899,930, which is primarily driven by an increase in the cost of labor, construction equipment, and materials.

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1 I. INTRODUCTION

2 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND POSITION.

3 A. My name is Paul M. Eiden, and my business address is 55 East Monroe Street,  
4 Chicago, Illinois 60603. I am an Officer, Vice President, and Project Director with  
5 Sargent & Lundy LLC (S&L). S&L is a consulting engineering firm working mainly  
6 with electric utilities. S&L has provided consulting engineering services to the electric  
7 power utility industry for over 125 years.

8 Q. WHAT IS YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND?

9 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1990 from the  
10 University of Notre Dame and I joined S&L immediately after graduation. My  
11 experience includes a wide range of engineering and management duties in various  
12 positions related to the electric power industry.

13 I have 30 years of extensive experience in the design and engineering of major  
14 steam-electric generating facilities. Before assuming my current responsibilities, I  
15 served as a Project Manager for the firm. In that position, I provided management and  
16 overall direction for engineering, design, and related technical and/or support activities  
17 performed by all disciplines assigned to power plant projects. I planned, coordinated,  
18 and monitored the work of the various disciplines assigned to a project and  
19 communicated routinely and frequently with clients to develop a mutual understanding  
20 of client priorities and issues. I was also responsible for assuring that the work was  
21 planned and performed on schedule, within budget, and according to the agreed upon  
22 scope of work, with an emphasis on quality and client satisfaction.

1 I have worked on both domestic and international projects. My experience  
2 includes engineering, analysis, design, development of construction specifications,  
3 procurement, construction management, commissioning, and project management of  
4 multidisciplinary engineering activities for major power plant systems. My resume is  
5 provided as EXHIBIT PME-1, and more fully details my qualifications and extensive  
6 power plant experience.

7 Q. WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS AN OFFICER, VICE PRESIDENT,  
8 AND PROJECT DIRECTOR WITH S&L?

9 A. I provide leadership and direction to all levels and all disciplines of the engineering and  
10 design organizations at S&L. Such leadership and direction ensures that S&L  
11 engineering and design deliverables, including demolition studies, meet our client's  
12 expectations, capture the scope of our assignments, are technically correct, and are of  
13 the highest quality. I ensure that S&L standards are continually updated so they reflect  
14 current industry codes, standards, and also capture current state-of-the-art vendor  
15 supplied equipment and components. My 30 years of performing detailed engineering  
16 and design assignments exclusively in the power generation industry, both nationally  
17 and internationally, has given me a strong foundation of experience from which to draw  
18 to make sure that S&L assignments are carried out in a technically correct manner with  
19 quality, budget, and schedule expectations achieved. My experiences include the  
20 design and construction of new full-scale power generation facilities, as well as  
21 upgrades to existing power generation facilities.

1 II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

2 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

3 A. My testimony in this proceeding will address the results of the site-specific studies  
4 conducted by S&L to estimate the costs of dismantling Southwestern Electric Power  
5 Company's (SWEPCO of the Company) electric power generating facilities. I am  
6 sponsoring the 2020 demolition cost estimate studies (2020 Studies) contained in  
7 EXHIBIT PME-2, which includes demolition cost studies for the following SWEPCO  
8 generating facilities:

- 9 • Arsenal Hill Unit 5 and chimneys from Units 3 and 4  
10 • Dolet Hills Power Station Unit 1  
11 • Flint Creek Power Plant Unit 1  
12 • Knox Lee Power Plant Units 1-5 and common  
13 • Lieberman Units 1-4 and common  
14 • Lone Star Unit 1 and peaker foundations  
15 • Harry D. Mattison Power Plant Units 1-4 and common  
16 • Henry W. Pirkey Power Plant Unit 1  
17 • J. Robert Welsh Power Plant Units 1-3 and common  
18 • Wilkes Power Plant Units 1-3 and common  
19 • J Lamar Stall Plant Unit 6  
20 • John W. Turk, Jr. Power Plant Unit 1.

21  
22 III. BACKGROUND

23 Q. WHY IS IT NECESSARY TO DISMANTLE A GENERATING FACILITY AT THE  
24 END OF ITS USEFUL LIFE?

25 A. There are a number of reasons. To reuse land, structures and facilities would need to  
26 be removed. Since the number of locations in the nation that are conducive to electric



1 generating facilities is limited, it is possible that after the retirement of the units, future  
2 generating facilities would be located at these sites to take advantage of existing  
3 substations, transmission lines, gas lines, rail lines, etc. Reuse of these locations would  
4 require removal of any previous structures. Also, there is a safety concern, and  
5 therefore a potential public risk, if security is not maintained at the facilities. If  
6 abandoned structures are not dismantled, the structures will deteriorate if not  
7 maintained. Some of the structures, such as exhaust stacks, could create potential public  
8 safety risks and have the potential to collapse and cause damage. Removal and disposal  
9 of asbestos is also required in any location where it exists.

10 Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE HOW S&L PERFORMED ITS STUDIES OF THE  
11 COST OF DISMANTLING SWEPCO'S ELECTRICAL GENERATING  
12 FACILITIES.

13 A. S&L provided an update to the existing SWEPCO electric generating facility  
14 demolition studies prepared in 2016 by S&L. The purpose of this update was to capture  
15 any changes from the prior demolition study that may have occurred at the SWEPCO  
16 facilities that could affect demolition costs. Unlike past demolition studies, which  
17 involved person-to-person interviews and plant site visits, S&L engaged with  
18 SWEPCO management and site representatives remotely to prepare this demolition  
19 study. S&L gathered information regarding changes to site facilities and structures,  
20 which were then used to update the scope of work and assumptions in the 2020 Studies.  
21 This change in process was necessary to accommodate the health and safety  
22 precautions being taken as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The unique  
23 characteristics of each site were captured by reviewing general arrangement drawings,

1 previously documented aerial view drawings, and information provided by plant  
2 representatives. With the help of SWEPCO personnel and the aforementioned  
3 information, we were able to locate major facilities on site and the arrangement inside  
4 the power blocks, such as the boiler building, the turbine building, etc.

5 This data was reviewed in more detail to finalize the scope of the cost estimates  
6 and the assumptions that were used to develop the cost estimates. For example, in many  
7 instances, we assumed that there was sufficient room on site to dispose of all the non-  
8 hazardous debris. We assumed that it would not be necessary to remove the tens of  
9 thousands of feet of underground piping and wiring from the sites. Assumptions such  
10 as these minimize the demolition cost estimate and result in a reasonable cost estimate  
11 for dismantling the facility. This is not a “brick by brick” demolition cost estimate that  
12 assumes every single component is demolished in an inefficient manner. The use of  
13 these assumptions is consistent with the studies performed in 2016.

14 Our cost estimates were updated considering the data described above, in  
15 accordance with S&L’s Quality Assurance Program and then reviewed with SWEPCO  
16 personnel. This process is consistent with that used to develop the 2016 demolition cost  
17 studies.

#### 18 19 IV. DEMOLITION COST ESTIMATE STUDIES

20 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE STUDIES CONTAINED IN EXHIBIT PME-2.

21 A. As I mentioned, EXHIBIT PME-2 presents the demolition cost estimates for the  
22 generating facilities I listed at the outset of my testimony. The costs for demolition of  
23 structures, equipment, etc., are separately itemized for each generating facility in this

1 exhibit. The assumptions and commercial considerations used to develop the cost  
2 estimates are also identified in this exhibit.

3 Q. WHAT IS THE NET COST TO DISMANTLE THE COMPANY'S GENERATING  
4 FACILITIES INCLUDED IN THE 2020 STUDIES?

5 A. The total estimated cost to dismantle SWEPCO's generating facilities is \$149,088,006  
6 on a total cost basis and represents a decrease of \$16,175,230 from the 2016 total  
7 estimated cost. The estimated costs to demolish these sites are summarized in Table 1  
8 below:

**Table 1 – Estimated Net Demolition Cost for SWEPCO Generating Facilities**

<b>Plant</b>	<b>2020 Estimate**</b>	<b>2016 Estimate***</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Arsenal Hill Plant	\$3,558,616	\$4,108,229	(\$549,613)
Dolet Hills Plant Unit 1 *	\$26,697,448	\$31,253,403	(\$4,555,955)
Flint Creek Plant Unit 1 *	\$15,159,129	\$11,079,050	\$4,080,079
Knox Lee Plant Units 1-5	\$18,100,997	\$16,408,595	\$1,692,402
Lieberman Plant Units 1-4	\$4,343,874	\$3,790,692	\$553,182
Lone Star Plant Unit 1	\$2,037,558	\$2,913,791	(\$876,233)
H. D. Mattison Plant Units 1-4	\$4,192,897	\$3,477,308	\$715,589
H. W. Pirkey Plant Unit 1 *	\$19,702,687	\$28,606,943	(\$8,904,256)
J L Stall Plant Unit 6	\$3,936,421	\$2,332,018	\$1,604,403
J W Turk Plant Unit 1 *	\$19,786,548	\$23,782,932	(\$3,996,384)
J. R. Welsh Plant Units 1-3	\$24,129,069	\$26,397,700	(\$2,268,631)
Wilkes Plant Units 1-3	\$7,442,762	\$11,112,575	(\$3,669,813)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$149,088,006</b>	<b>\$165,263,236</b>	<b>(\$16,175,230)</b>

\* Estimated demolition costs for Dolet Hills, Flint Creek, Pirkey, and J. W. Turk include the entire facility; SWEPCO is a partial owner of each.

\*\* Costs are in 2020 dollars

\*\*\* Costs are in 2016 dollars

1 Q. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THE TERM “ESTIMATED NET COST?”

2 A. By the term “estimated net cost,” I mean the estimated cost to dismantle the specific  
3 generating facility after crediting the estimated positive salvage value for certain  
4 materials.

5 Q PLEASE EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCES IN ESTIMATED DEMOLITION COSTS  
6 REFLECTED IN THE UPDATED STUDIES WHEN COMPARED TO THE 2016  
7 STUDIES.

8 A. At a high level, the primary difference between the 2020 Studies and the 2016  
9 demolition cost studies is the increase in scrap value, which accounts for a \$25,295,632  
10 decrease in the net cost of demolition. The overall cost is further reduced by a decrease  
11 in contingency of \$7,269,490, which I explain later in my testimony. These reductions  
12 are partially offset by an increase in direct costs of \$14,899,930, which is primarily  
13 driven by an increase in the cost of labor, construction equipment, and materials.

14 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE VALUE OF SCRAP WAS DETERMINED IN THE  
15 STUDIES.

16 A. S&L used industry-wide publications to estimate the cost of scrap materials. The value  
17 of scrap was determined by data available at the time of the cost estimate using the  
18 Scrap Metals Market Watch<sup>1</sup>, a recognized publication that presents the market current  
19 market value of various scrap materials. The demolition cost estimates consider various  
20 scrap metals such as steel and copper based on the volume of materials at each plant  
21 site.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.americanrecycler.com](http://www.americanrecycler.com)

1 Q. PLEASE GENERALLY DESCRIBE THE SCRAP METAL MARKET.

2 A. The price of scrap metal is determined by a mature market and prices are governed by  
3 regional demand, imports, and economic conditions. The price of scrap material has  
4 been extremely volatile in recent years. EXHIBIT PME-3 demonstrates the volatility  
5 and overall decrease in scrap value since the third quarter of 2011 for SWEPCO's scrap  
6 metal region. As shown in EXHIBIT PME-3, scrap value markedly decreased from  
7 2012 to 2016, but prices have somewhat recovered for most applicable materials since  
8 2016. For purposes of the 2020 Studies, higher scrap value results in a lower net cost  
9 of demolition.

10 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY THE VALUE OF SCRAP IS HIGHER IN THE 2020  
11 STUDIES, WHEN COMPARED TO 2016.

12 A. In addition to an uptick in scrap prices, the 2016 demolition cost studies included a  
13 separation cost deduction in addition to a transportation cost deduction. Upon further  
14 examination, S&L found that the separation cost deduction was not necessary. Removal  
15 of the separation cost deduction in the 2020 Studies contributed to an overall increase  
16 in scrap value, when compared to the 2016 demolition cost studies.

17 Q. ARE THE SCRAP METAL PRICES REASONABLE?

18 A. Yes. The prices and value of scrap metal contained in the 2020 Studies reflect the  
19 current realities of the scrap metal market, and were determined using a substantially  
20 similar methodology to that used by S&L in previous years to estimate the net cost of  
21 demolition for these facilities.

22 Q. WILL ANY OF THE MATERIALS IN THE GENERATING FACILITIES PROVIDE  
23 A POSITIVE SALVAGE VALUE?

1 A. Yes. We have estimated the amounts of recoverable materials such as steel and copper  
2 in each of the facilities. In EXHIBIT PME-2, the estimated total salvage value is shown  
3 as a credit to the cost of dismantling the facilities.

4 Q. WAS AN ALLOWANCE INCLUDED FOR INDIRECT EXPENSES AT THE  
5 GENERATING FACILITIES STUDIED BY S&L?

6 A. Yes. These amounts are intended to capture SWEPCO's administrative and overhead  
7 costs associated with the dismantling of the generating facilities. This is intended to  
8 cover such costs as obtaining permits; construction services such as water and  
9 electricity; security facilities; and additional expenses such as engineering assistance,  
10 particularly for complex dismantling.

11 Q. WHAT METHOD WAS USED TO DETERMINE THE VALUE OF INDIRECT  
12 EXPENSES?

13 A. Based upon S&L's more than 125 years of experience, its experience with numerous  
14 projects of similar complexity, and discussions with SWEPCO's engineering  
15 personnel, S&L used 10% of the direct construction costs as a reasonable estimate for  
16 these indirect expenses.

17 Q. DID S&L APPLY AN ESCALATION FACTOR TO THESE ESTIMATES?

18 A. No. All of the current estimates are in 2020 dollars.

19 Q. HAVE THE DEMOLITION STUDIES CONDUCTED BY S&L BEEN FOUND TO  
20 BE REASONABLE BY THIS COMMISSION?

21 A. Yes. S&L used a substantially similar approach to develop its demolition cost estimates  
22 for this proceeding as it did for SWEPCO in Docket No. 46449. In its Final Order dated  
23 January 11, 2018 in Docket No. 46449, this Commission found in its Finding of Fact

1       Number 177 that “*The plant demolition studies SWEPCO used to develop terminal*  
2       *removal cost and salvage for each of SWEPCO’s generating facilities, when adjusted*  
3       *to account for a 10% contingency factor, are reasonable.*”

4       Q.   WHY DID THE COMMISSION MAKE AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE  
5       CONTINGENCY AMOUNT USED BY S&L IN DOCKET NO. 46449?

6       A.   The Commission adjusted the contingency amount from 15%, which had been  
7       consistently used in previous SWEPCO base rate case filings, to 10% based on the fact  
8       that Commission rules allow a maximum contingency factor of 10% for the demolition  
9       of a nuclear power plant, which the Commission determined was more complex and  
10      risky than the demolition of SWEPCO’s natural gas and coal power plants.

11      Q.   DOES S&L AGREE THAT A 10% CONTINGENCY FACTOR IS APPROPRIATE  
12      FOR SWEPCO’S GENERATING FACILITY DEMOLITION COST ESTIMATES?

13      A.   Based on the level of detail used to estimate the SWEPCO generating facilities  
14      demolition costs, S&L believes a contingency factor of 15% is appropriate. However,  
15      in response to the aforementioned Commission finding, S&L has reduced the  
16      contingency factor included in the 2020 Studies to 10% to comply with Commission  
17      precedent.

1 Q. ARE THE DEMOLITION TECHNIQUES USED IN PREPARATION OF THE S&L  
2 DEMOLITION COST ESTIMATES EFFICIENT AND COST EFFECTIVE?

3 A. Yes. The demolition techniques and crew mixes assumed in the S&L cost estimates are  
4 efficient and cost effective. They are typical demolition techniques that are used in the  
5 industry and are comparable to techniques used by major demolition contractors who  
6 have competitively bid and successfully executed the subject work for many years.

7 Q. WHAT IS YOUR OPINION CONCERNING THE REASONABLENESS OF THE  
8 ESTIMATES OF DEMOLITION COSTS CONTAINED IN EXHIBIT PME-2?

9 A. In my opinion, these estimates were carefully prepared, using standard and accepted  
10 estimating techniques, the best information available, and industry experience. I  
11 believe the conservative assumptions made in the 2020 Studies are reasonable.

12 Q. WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF HOW SWEPCO USES S&L'S  
13 DEMOLITION STUDIES IN THIS RATE CASE?

14 A. I understand that SWEPCO witness Jason A. Cash uses these studies to determine net  
15 salvage values for calculating production plant depreciation rates.

16 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

17 A. Yes, it does.



## PAUL M. EIDEN



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### Summary

Since joining Sargent & Lundy in 1990, Mr. Eiden has provided an array of engineering services, being named Project Director in 2016 and functioning as Project Manager since 2009. His work has spanned all phases of projects, from conceptual design for cost estimates and feasibility studies, to detailed design, procurement, construction oversight, commissioning, and performance testing. Mr. Eiden has significant experience with gas turbines in simple cycle, combined cycle, and repowering configurations. He is also proficient in coal fired plant modifications and environmental upgrades. He has performed lead roles in new generation projects, for major retrofits at existing plants, and in investigative studies.

### Education

University of Notre Dame - B.S. Mechanical Engineering - 1990

### Registrations

Professional Engineer – Arkansas, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wyoming

### Proficiencies

- Project management
- Engineering management
- Fossil plant design and betterment
- Conceptual design and cost estimates for fossil plants and environmental retrofits
- Siting and development studies for combustion turbine and repowering projects
- Mechanical engineering – system design, equipment sizing and specification
- Plant performance testing for combined cycle and simple cycle plants

### Responsibilities

Mr. Eiden works closely with power industry clients to provide project management, engineering, procurement, construction management, commissioning, and consulting solutions.

As Project Director, Mr. Eiden is responsible for the satisfactory implementation of Sargent & Lundy's work in accordance with quality, schedule, and budget criteria for power generation projects. This work includes natural gas, oil, coal, and renewable energy. Mr. Eiden is responsible to define the project needs, develop an execution plan, and mobilize Sargent & Lundy's team. He consults with the client and project personnel in scheduling the assignment and developing appropriate project control systems. He works jointly with the client and the project team to set project objectives, design parameters, and operating philosophies. Mr. Eiden regularly interfaces with client management regarding Sargent & Lundy's performance and the status of engineering and construction progress, while leading the project from inception through completion.

PAUL M. EIDEN



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## Sargent & Lundy Experience

### ***El Paso Electric | 2019 to present***

Newman Combustion Turbine Project, natural gas, 210 MW. Project Director for the detailed design of a plant expansion adding one gas-fired combustion turbine generator. The scope of work includes detailed design and technical procurement support for the generation equipment, emission controls, fuel supply, mechanical and electrical balance of plant components, civil works, and electrical transmission.

### ***Tucson Electric Power | 2017 to present***

Sundt Generation Modernization Project, natural gas, 185 MW. Project Director for the detailed design of a plant expansion consisting of ten new natural gas-fired reciprocating internal combustion engines (RICE). The scope of work includes detailed design and technical procurement support for mechanical and electrical process and balance of plant interconnects, civil works, electrical transmission, and control interface.

### ***Eastern Generation | 2016 to present***

Astoria, Gowanus, Narrows, and Covert Generating Stations Gas boilers, simple cycle, and combined cycle units. Project Director for various plant modifications and upgrade conceptual studies.

### ***Clean Energy Future – Lordstown | 2016 to 2018***

Lordstown Energy Center, combined cycle, natural gas, 940 MW. Project Director as Owner's Engineer for a greenfield 2x1 combined cycle plant utilizing Siemens SGT6-8000H gas turbines. Services include technical design reviews for the power block, switchyard, gas supply, and water lines. Additional responsibilities encompass construction oversight, schedule monitoring, and vendor surveillance of key equipment.

### ***Competitive Power Ventures | 2015 to 2019***

Three Rivers Energy Center, combined cycle, natural gas, 1100 MW. Project Director supporting development of a new combined cycle facility using GE 7HA gas turbines. The initial phase of this project developed emission calculations, modeling, and control technology evaluations used for preparing the major air, water, and wastewater permit applications. This scope of work continues through agency review and consultations. Project tasks also include the conceptual design of the electrical transmission system with an interconnect study and cost estimates, covering the plant switchyard, transmission tie-in power lines, and potential system upgrades.

### ***Exelon Power | 2016***

Grand Prairie, simple cycle, gas, 100 MW. Project Director for a fuel gas system upgrade. The assignment began with an analysis of combustion turbine trips and determining a cost-effective correction with a short lead time and minimal outage duration. Sized and specified new equipment and developed the installation details.

### ***American Electric Power / Southwest Electric Power Company***

- 2012 to 2016 | Welsh 1 and 3, coal, 525 MW. Project Manager for plant upgrades in response to the Mercury Air Toxics Standard. The project includes engineering, design, and procurement support of

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new activated carbon injection systems, fabric filters, ID fans, stack, and major DCS control system upgrades.

- 2012 to 2016 | Flint Creek 1, coal, 525 MW. Project Manager for plant upgrades for new emissions control equipment. The project includes engineering, design, and procurement support of a dry scrubber, fabric filter, activated carbon injection system, ID fans, and major DCS control system upgrades.
- 2015-2016 | Various sites; gas, solar, and wind facilities in various sizes. Project Manager for site selection studies. The studies investigated new generation options at numerous locations in several states. Multiple technologies were considered: gas plants in simple cycle, combined cycle, and reciprocating engine arrangements; utility-scale photovoltaic; and wind. Sites were evaluated for gas supply, solar irradiation, wind conditions, water availability, transmission capacity, and land development requirements. Plant performance, layouts, and schedules were generated along with reviews of environmental and regulatory issues.

#### ***NV Energy***

- 2009 to 2012 | North Valmy 1 and 2, coal, 500 MW. Project Manager for Unit 1 cooling tower replacement and numerous studies, including SCR addition, wet FGD addition (Unit 1), bottom ash system modifications, primary air fan noise reduction (Unit 2), and circulating water dry chemical feed modifications.
- Fort Churchill 1 and 2, combined cycle, 226 MW total
- 2010 to 2011 | Tracy 3, combined cycle, 108 MW. Project Manager for study to determine impacts of cycling duty on various systems and equipment and recommend modifications to improve each unit's cycling capability. Study includes consideration of cycling effects on equipment life, maintenance, and operation.
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- 2009 to 2010 | Reid Gardner 1-4, coal, 550 MW. Project Manager for boiler water treatment system replacement and studies for SCR addition and FGD system assessment.

#### ***Xcel Energy***

- 2006 to 2009 | Riverside, combined cycle, natural gas, 450 MW, General Electrical 7FA combustion turbine. Project Manager for engineering close-out activities including construction, start-up, and testing support. Lead mechanical engineer for design of a 2x1 facility with a re-powered steam turbine and once through cooling. System engineering and mechanical equipment procurement.

#### ***FirstEnergy***

- 2004 to 2006 | Bruce Mansfield 1, 2 and 3, coal, 2500 MW. Lead mechanical engineer for forced oxidation gypsum and FGD wastewater treatment expansion project.

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***PSEG Power, New York, Inc.***

- 2002 to 2004 | Bethlehem Energy Center, combined cycle, natural gas and fuel oil, 750 MW, General Electric 7FA combustion turbines. Lead mechanical engineer for the design of a new 3x1 facility with reheat, three-pressure level steam generators, and a counter flow, wet/dry cooling tower. System engineering and mechanical equipment procurement.

***Reliant Energy***

- 2000 to 2002 | Equistar, combined cycle cogeneration, natural gas, 800 MW, Siemens Westinghouse 501 F combustion turbines. Mechanical engineering for the scoping, pricing, design, and construction of a new 4x1 cogeneration facility. System design of the steam, feedwater, and boiler blowdown systems. Sizing, specification preparation, bid evaluation, and vendor design reviews for the heat recovery steam generators, feedwater pumps, steam conditioning valves, and various piping specialties. Procedure development, witness testing, and calculation preparation for output, heat rate, and steam export performance test.
- 2000 – 2002 | Aurora, simple cycle, natural gas, 950 MW, General Electric 7FA and LM6000 combustion turbines. Mechanical system design, equipment layout, and pipe routing oversight for the design and construction of a new ten (10) turbine simple cycle facility. Vendor document review and system interface coordination for the combustion turbines. Procedure development, test instrument specification, witness testing, and calculation preparation for generator output and heat rate performance tests.
- 1998 to 2000 | El Dorado combined cycle, natural gas, 500 MW, Siemens Westinghouse 501F combustion turbine. Mechanical engineering for the design and construction of a new 2x1 facility. System design of closed loop cooling system. System design of steam drains into a collection flash tank. Participation in steam turbine water induction prevention study. Vendor design review of steam turbine, combustion turbine, air-cooled condenser (ACC), and heat recovery steam generators. Sizing, specification preparation and bid evaluation for ACC, steam turbine bypass valves, fin-fan cooler, air compressors, pumps, and pipe insulation. Development of overall plant startup sequence. Procedure development, witness testing and calculation preparation for net output and net heat rate performance test.
- 2001 | Hunterstown, combined cycle, natural gas, 750 MW, General Electric 7FB combustion turbines
- 2001 | Choctaw County, combined cycle, natural gas, 750 MW, General Electric 7FB combustion turbines. Owner's engineer conducting the design review of two new 3x1 facilities.
- 2001 | Bakersfield, simple cycle, natural gas, 25 MW General Electric LM2500 combustion turbine. Project management for the feasibility and cost study to restart an abandoned unit. The combined cycle arrangement would be replaced with a refurbished combustion turbine in simple cycle operation with upgraded emission controls and connected to an existing switchyard.

***Huaneng Power International***

- 1995 to 1997 | Dandong 1 and 2, coal, 2x350 MW

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- 1995 to 1997 | Dalian 3 and 4, coal, 2x350 MW. Procurement activities for four new units including specification preparation and bid evaluation for mechanical equipment, commodities, and water treatment systems. Coordinated system interfaces and design review of water treatment systems, including demineralized water production, wastewater treatment, condensate water deironing, and electro-chlorination production and injection.

## Publications

- "Xcel Energy Riverside Repowering Project ," (coauthor), Power-GEN 2009 Conference – Gas Turbine Technologies Track, Las Vegas, Nevada, December 2009 (earned best paper award)
- "Making Existing Combined Cycles Meet the Challenges of the New System Reality," (coauthor), Power-GEN 2012 Conference, Orlando, Florida, December 2012



Arsenal Hill Plant Unit 5  
**CONCEPTUAL DEMOLITION COST ESTIMATE**

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EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION
1	Demolition Cost Estimate No. 24250F



## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Arsenal Hill Plant located near Shreveport, Louisiana in Caddo County is owned and operated by Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), a subsidiary of American Electric Power (AEP). The plant consists of one gas fired generating unit, Unit 5, with a total generating capacity of 125 megawatts. The Units was placed in operation in 1960. The plant also includes the structures from previous operating Units 3 & 4 (generating equipment removed previously) and the associated chimneys.

Sargent & Lundy (S&L) previously prepared a Conceptual Demolition Cost Estimate for Arsenal Hill Plant Unit 5 in 2012 and 2016. AEP recently contracted S&L to update the previously prepared cost estimate to 2020 pricing levels. The objective of the conceptual demolition cost estimate is to determine the gross demolition costs for Arsenal Hill Plant Unit 5 (including gross salvage credits and any other benefits). The cost estimate considers the demolition/dismantlement methodology which complies with current OSHA rules and regulations.

## 2.0 COST ESTIMATE SUMMARY

Conceptual Demolition Cost Estimate No 24250F, was prepared and is included as Exhibit 1. The cost estimate is structured into a code of accounts as identified in Table 2-1.

**Table 2-1**  
**Cost Estimate Code of Accounts**

Account Number	Description
10	Demolition Costs
18	Scrap Value Costs
21	Civil Work Costs
22	Concrete Work Costs
90, 91, 92	General Conditions Costs
93	Indirect Costs
94	Contingency Costs
96	Escalation Costs

The results of the cost estimate are provided in Table 2-2 below:

**Table 2-2**  
**Cost Estimate Results Summary**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Demolition Direct Cost	\$ 3,202,727
Scrap Value	(\$ 1,474,111)
General Conditions Cost	\$ 834,700
Indirect Cost	\$ 403,700
Contingency Cost	\$ 591,600
Total Project Cost	\$ 3,558,616

### 3.0 TECHNICAL BASIS

The scope of dismantlement includes the complete removal of Arsenal Hill Unit 3 Chimney, Unit 4 Chimney, and Unit 5 generating facility and plant common services associated with the unit. Common facilities include:

- Crib House
- Fuel Oil Storage Tank
- Water Treatment Building
- Heating Boilers
- Unneeded Roadways

The following are excluded from the scope of the conceptual demolition cost estimate:

- Asbestos Removal
- Switchyard
- Removal of the cooling pond. The cooling pond is to be left in place
- Removal of the spray pond. No work is required in the spray pond
- Demolition of Unit 3 and 4 structures. Unit 3 and 4 structures are used by System Shops

The following items were included in the current cost estimate and were not included in the 2016 cost estimate:

- Unit 5 Condenser tubes have been replaced with 316 SS Tubes

Revisions to the plant facilities that would affect the current cost estimate were provided by plant personnel through correspondence.

#### **4.0 COMMERCIAL BASIS**

##### **4.1 General Information**

The Conceptual Demolition Cost Estimate prepared for the Arsenal Hill Plant is a conceptual estimate of the cost to dismantle the Arsenal Hill Plant Unit 3 Chimney, Unit 4 Chimney and Unit 5 generating plant. Costs were calculated for (1) demolition of existing plant structures and equipment and associated site restoration costs, (2) scrap value of metals, (3) associated indirect costs, and (4) contingency. All units used in the cost estimate are U.S. Standard and all costs are in US Dollars (2020 levels). A one (1) year demolition schedule is anticipated not including asbestos removal (to be performed prior to start of demolition work). All items identified above will be demolished at the same time.

##### **4.2 Quantities/Material Cost**

Quantities of pieces of equipment and/or bulk material commodities used in this cost estimate were intended to be reasonable and representative of projects of this type. Material quantities were estimated from the site plot plan and other drawings and data provided by AEP and Plant Personnel.

##### **4.3 Construction Labor Wages**

Craft labor rates (Craft Hourly Rate) for the cost estimate are based on the prevailing wages for Shreveport, Louisiana as published in "R.S. Means Labor Rates for the Construction Industry", 2020 Edition. These prevailing rates are representative of union or non-union rates, whichever is prevailing in the area. Costs have been added to cover social security, workmen's compensation, federal and state unemployment insurance. The resulting burdened craft rates were then used to develop typical crew rates applicable to the task being performed.

###### **4.3.1 Labor Work Schedule and Incentives**

The estimate assumed a 5x8 work week. No other labor incentives are included.

###### **4.3.2 General Conditions Costs**

Allowances were included in the cost estimate as direct costs as noted for the following:

- Labor Supervision
- Construction Management
- Field Office Expenses
- Safety
- Temporary Facilities
- Mobilization / Demobilization
- Legal Expenses / Claims
- Small Tools & Consumables
- General Liability Insurance
- Construction Equipment Mobilization / Demobilization
- Freight on Material

- Contractor's General and Administrative Costs
- Contractor's Profit

#### 4.4 Scrap Value

The value of scrap is based on "Scrap Metals Market Watch" as published in the July 2020 Edition of "American Recycler News" ([www.americanrecycler.com](http://www.americanrecycler.com)) using Zone 3 (USA Southwest). The values obtained are delivered prices to the recycler. Transportation cost to the recycler is assumed @ 30 \$/ton resulting in the values below:

- Carbon Steel Value @ 166 \$/ton
- Copper Value @ 4,270 \$/ton
- #1 Insulated Copper Wire 65% @ 2249 \$/ton
- Stainless Steel @ 830 \$/ton

Note: 1 Ton = 2,000 Lbs

#### 4.5 Indirect Costs

Allowances were included in the cost estimate as indirect costs as noted for the following:

- Engineering, Procurement and Project Services: None included.
- Construction Management Support: None included.
- Owners Cost: Included as 10.0% of the total direct labor and material cost. Owners Costs include owner project engineering, administration and construction management, permits and fees, legal expenses, taxes, etc.

#### 4.6 Escalation

No allowance for escalation was included in the cost estimate.

#### 4.7 Contingency

We believe the available information and inputs to the demolition cost estimate warrant a 15% contingency. However, we have applied a 10% contingency in the current demolition cost estimate because the Commission ordered the use of a 10% contingency in SWEPCO's 2016 rate case (Docket No. 46449). Allowances were included in the cost estimate as contingency as noted for the following:

- Scrap Value: Included as a 10.0% reduction in the salvage value resulting in a total net reduction in the salvage value. The contingency assumes a potential drop in salvage value thus increasing the project cost.
- Material: Included as 10.0% of the total material cost.
- Labor: Included as 10.0% of the total labor cost.
- Indirect: Included as 10.0% of the total indirect cost.

#### 4.8 Assumptions

The following assumptions apply to the cost estimate.

- All chemicals will be removed by the Owner prior to demolition, from the facilities to be demolished.
- All fuel oil will be consumed prior to demolition.
- All electrical equipment and wiring is de-energized prior to start of dismantlement.
- No extraordinary environmental costs for demolition have been included.
- Emergency or Black Start Diesels are not included.
- Handling, on-site and off-site disposal of hazardous materials would be performed in compliance with methods approved by Owner.
- Switchyards within the plant boundaries are not part of the scope, neither are access roads to these facilities. Fences and gates needed to protect the switchyard will be left in place.
- The existing cooling pond is to be left in place.
- All items above grade and to a depth of two (2) feet will be demolished. Any other items buried more than two (2) feet will remain in place. All foundations are removed and buried on site.
- Underground piping, conduit and cable ducts will be abandoned in place.
- Underground piping larger than four (4) feet diameter will be filled with sand or slurry and capped at the ends to prevent collapse. Non-metal pipe will be collapsed.
- All demolished materials are considered debris, except for organic combustibles and non-embedded metals which have scrap value.
- The basis for salvage estimating is for scrap value only. No resale of equipment or material is included.
- Disturbed areas will be buried under two (2) feet of topsoil mulched and seeded with grass – no other landscaping is included.
- All borrow material is assumed to be purchased from nearby (10 mile round trip) offsite sources.
- Debris not suitable for burial is to be disposed of off-site. Assumed distance to final disposal is within a five (5) mile haul.
- The entire weight of transformers and generators are valued using only the carbon steel scrap value rate. No additional value is considered for the copper metal content. This is based on information supplied by scrap dealers. Additional cost to the scrap dealer to separate the different metals is offset by the increased value of the copper.
- Concrete / Brick chimney(s) will be demolished using Top-To-Bottom, Piece-Meal, Non-Explosive demolition method.

## 5.0 REFERENCES

Drawings utilized in the preparation of the demolition cost estimate are identified in Table 5-1.

**Table 5-1**  
**Reference Drawings**

<b>Document Number</b>	<b>Revision/Date/Job No.</b>	<b>Title</b>
B-99		Floor Loading Diagrams, Unit 5
M-154	12/11/58	Property Plat
M-155	Rev C	General Arrangement Main Floor Plan, Unit 5
M-156	12/11/58	General Arrangement Basement Floor Plan, Unit 5
M-157	Rev D	General Arrangement Miscellaneous Plans, Unit 5
M-158	Rev D	General Arrangement Cross Section, Unit 5
M-159	12/11/58	General Arrangement Long Section, Turbine Room, Unit 5
M-160	12/11/58	General Arrangement Long Section, Pump Bay, Unit 5
M-161		Layout for Dismantling Turbine & Generator, Unit 5
SL-1696	JOB 2649	Unit 5 Equipment Data

**EXHIBIT 1**  
**Arsenal Hill Plant Unit 5**  
**Conceptual Demolition Cost Estimate No. 24250F**

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ARSENAL HILL POWER STATION  
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Area	Description	Subcontract Cost	Scrap Value	Material Cost	Man Hours	Labor Cost	Equip Amount	Total Cost
A	UNIT 3	450,000			1,141	54,745	24,484	529,229
B	UNIT 4	450,000			1,141	54,745	24,484	529,229
C	UNIT 5		(1,326,537)		19,179	846,072	416,118	(63,642)
D	COMMON FACILITIES	90,028	(147,574)	282,100	6,324	284,758	170,327	689,636
E	COMMON FACILITIES				1,000	41,620	22,440	64,060
	<b>TOTAL DIRECT</b>	<b>980,028</b>	<b>(1,474,111)</b>	<b>282,100</b>	<b>28,784</b>	<b>1,282,746</b>	<b>657,853</b>	<b>1,728,615</b>

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Estimate Totals

Description	Amount	Totals	Hours
Labor	1,282,746		28,784
Material	282,100		
Subcontract	880,028		
Construction Equipment	657,863		
Scrap Value	(1,474,111)		
	1,728,616	1,728,616	
<b>General Conditions</b>			
<b>Additional Labor Costs</b>			
90-1 Labor Supervision	77,000		
90-2 Show up Time	25,700		
90-3 Cost Due To OT 5-10's			
90-4 Cost Due To OT 6-10's			
90-5 Per Dem			
<b>Site Overheads</b>			
91-1 Construction Management	138,500		
91-2 Field Office Expenses	39,600		
91-3 Material/Quality Control			
91-4 Site Services			
91-5 Safety	27,400		
91-6 Temporary Facilities	20,800		
91-7 Temporary Utilities			
91-8 Mobilization/Demob	21,900		
91-9 Local Emissions/Claims	3,200		
<b>Other Construction Indirects</b>			
92-1 Small Tools & Consumables	13,900		
92-2 Scaffolding			
92-3 General Liability Insur	13,900		
92-4 Constr Equip. Mob/Demob	6,600		
92-5 Freight on Material	14,100		
92-6 Freight on Scrap			
92-7 Sales Tax	181,600		
92-8 Contractors G&A	259,600		
92-9 Contractors Profit	834,700	2,563,316	
<b>Project Indirect Costs</b>			
93-1 Engineering Services			
93-2 CM Support			
93-3 Start-Up/Commissioning			
93-4 Start-Up/Spares Parts			
93-5 Excess Liability Insur			
93-6 Sales Tax On Indirects			
93-7 Owners Cost	403,700		
93-8 EPC Fee	403,700	2,967,016	
<b>Contingency</b>			
94-1 Contingency on Const Eq	77,600		
94-2 Contingency on Material	34,700		
94-3 Contingency on Labor	193,500		
94-4 Contingency on Subcontr	98,000		
94-5 Contingency on Scrap	147,400		
94-6 Contingency on Indirect	40,400		
	591,600	3,558,616	
<b>Escalation</b>			
96-1 Escalation on Const Equip			
96-2 Escalation on Material			
96-3 Escalation on Labor			
96-4 Escalation on Subcontract			
96-5 Escalation on Scrap			
96-6 Escalation on Indirects			
		3,558,616	
98 Interest During Constr		3,558,616	
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,558,616</b>	

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Area	Group	Phase	Description	Notes	Quantity	Subcontract Cost	Scrap Value	Material Cost	Man Hours	Labor Cost	Equip Amount	Total Cost
A	10 00 00	UNIT 3										
		WHOLE PLANT DEMOLITION										
		10 22 00	CONCRETE BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	DRAFT EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION (2FT BELOW GRADE)	970 00 CY	-	-	-	1,091	52,369	23,636	76,006
			CONCRETE						1,091	52,369	23,636	76,006
		10 25 00	CONCRETE CHIMNEY & STACK									
			CONCRETE CHIMNEY NO LINER DEMOLITION TOP-TO-BOTTOM, PIECE-MEAL, NON EXPLOSIVE METHOD	294 FT TALL X 26 FT AT BASE	1 00 LS	450,000	-	-				450,000
			CONCRETE CHIMNEY & STACK			450,000						450,000
			WHOLE PLANT DEMOLITION			450,000			1,091	52,369	23,636	526,006
		21 00 00	CIVIL WORK									
		21 17 00	EARTHWORK, EXCAVATION									
B	10 00 00	UNIT 4										
		WHOLE PLANT DEMOLITION										
		10 22 00	CONCRETE BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	DRAFT EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION (2FT BELOW GRADE)	970 00 CY	-	-	-	1,091	52,369	23,636	76,006
			CONCRETE						1,091	52,369	23,636	76,006
		10 25 00	CONCRETE CHIMNEY & STACK									
			CONCRETE CHIMNEY NO LINER DEMOLITION TOP-TO-BOTTOM, PIECE-MEAL, NON-EXPLOSIVE METHOD	294 FT TALL X 26 FT AT BASE	1 00 LS	450,000	-	-				450,000
			CONCRETE CHIMNEY & STACK			450,000						450,000
			WHOLE PLANT DEMOLITION			450,000			1,091	52,369	23,636	526,006
		21 00 00	CIVIL WORK									
		21 17 00	EARTHWORK, EXCAVATION									
C	10 00 00	UNIT 5										
		WHOLE PLANT DEMOLITION										
		10 22 00	CONCRETE BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	DRAFT EQUIPMENT ON FRAME	1,095 00 CY	-	-	-	924	44,351	20,018	64,369
			MAIN POWER BLOCK FOUNDATION		338 00 CY	-	-	-	202	9,716	4,385	14,101
			ELEVATED CONCRETE FLOOR / ROOF		992 00 CY	-	-	-	1,786	85,691	38,676	124,367
			TURBINE PEDESTAL		2,900 00 SF	-	-	-	44	2,007	1,364	3,371
			PRECAST CONCRETE CHANNELS AND LIGHTWEIGHT CONCRETE ROOF	BOILER ROOM	7,540 00 SF	-	-	-	113	5,217	3,547	8,764
			PRECAST CONCRETE CHANNELS AND LIGHTWEIGHT CONCRETE ROOF	TURBINE ROOM	900 00 SF	-	-	-	14	623	423	1,046
			PRECAST CONCRETE CHANNELS AND LIGHTWEIGHT CONCRETE ROOF	CONTROL ROOM								
			CONCRETE						3,082	147,605	68,414	216,019
	10 23 00	STEEL										
		STRUCTURAL, GIRT AND GALLERY STEEL										
			STEEL		1,031 00 TN	-	-	-	1,047	47,630	16,928	64,557
									1,047	47,630	16,928	64,557
		10 24 00	ARCHITECTURAL MASONRY WALLS		15,040 00 SF	-	-	-	120	5,278	3,287	8,566
	10 25 00	ARCHITECTURAL										
		CONCRETE CHIMNEY & STACK							120	5,278	3,287	8,566

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Area	Group	Phase	Description	Notes	Quantity	Subcontract Cost	Scrap Value	Material Cost	Man Hours	Labor Cost	Equip Amount	Total Cost
		10 25 00	CONCRETE CHIMNEY & STACK STEEL STACK 2 EACH, 5.5 FT DIA X 11 FT TALL AND 48 FT TALL CONCRETE CHIMNEY & STACK		33.00 TN	-	-		67	2,781	1,500	4,281
									67	2,781	1,500	4,281
		10 26 00	MISCELLANEOUS STRUCTURAL ITEM ELEVATOR MISCELLANEOUS STRUCTURAL ITEM		1.00 EA	-	-		150	6,243	3,366	9,609
									150	6,243	3,366	9,609
		10 31 00	MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT MAIN BOILER AND APPURTENANCES, INCL. ID. FD. FANS AND MOTORS STEAM TURBINE GENERATOR FLUES AND DUCTS INCL. BREACHING FEEDWATER SYSTEM DEAERATING EQUIPMENT MISCELLANEOUS SMALL TANKS TURBINE ROOM OH CRANE 100/20 TON MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT TURBINE ROOM GANTRY CRANE 5 TON CONDENSER CIRCULATING WATER SYSTEM EQUIPMENT CIRCULATING WATER SYSTEM EQUIPMENT MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT	INCLUDING INTAKE RACKS 20 TON GANTRY CRANE	2,400.00 TN 606.00 TN 500.00 TN 100.00 TN 50.00 TN 1.00 LS 130.00 TN 1.00 LS 194.00 TN 350.00 TN 30.00 TN	- - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - -	4,860 1,227 1,350 203 135 267 263 28 393 709 61	220,984 61,074 61,385 8,428 5,619 12,140 10,956 1,273 16,350 29,498 2,528	104,636 27,537 29,066 4,544 3,029 4,315 5,907 452 8,816 15,904 1,363	325,620 78,611 90,450 12,972 8,648 18,455 16,864 1,726 25,168 45,403 3,892	
									9,495	420,237	205,570	625,806
		10 34 00	HVAC MAIN BUILDING HVAC HVAC		1.00 LT	-	-		335	13,943	7,517	21,460
									335	13,943	7,517	21,460
		10 35 00	PIPING PIPING VALVES AND HANGERS CIRCULATING WATER SYSTEM EQUIPMENT PIPING AND TUNNELS PIPING VALVES AND HANGERS PIPING	BOILER AND TURBINE PLANT BOP	350.00 TN 1.00 LT 140.00 TN	- - -	- - -	709 600 284	29,498 24,972 11,799	15,904 13,464 6,362	45,403 38,436 18,161	
								1,592	66,269	35,730	102,000	
		10 41 00	ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT LIGHT FIXTURE MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	GENERATOR BUS INCLUDED	950.00 EA 152.00 TN	- -	- -	380 542	15,816 22,540	8,527 12,153	24,343 34,693	
								922	38,356	20,680	59,036	
		10 42 00	RACEWAY, CABLE TRAY, & CONDUIT CONDUIT CABLE TRAY RACEWAY, CABLE TRAY, & CONDUIT		107.00 TN 107.00 TN	- -	- -	696 642	28,947 26,720	15,607 14,406	44,554 41,127	
								1,338	55,667	30,014	85,680	
		10 43 00	CABLE COPPER WIRE / CABLE CABLE WHOLE PLANT DEMOLITION		103.00 TN	-	-	1,030 1,030	42,869 42,869	23,113 23,113	65,982 65,982	
								19,179	846,878	416,118	1,262,995	
18 00 00			SCRAP VALUE CARBON STEEL CARBON STEEL CARBON STEEL		-6,280.00 TN	-	(1,042,480) (1,042,480)	-				(1,042,480) (1,042,480)
		18 20 00	STAINLESS STEEL STAINLESS STEEL STAINLESS STEEL	CONDENSER TUBES	58.00 TN	-	(48,140) (48,140)	-				(48,140) (48,140)
		18 30 00	COPPER SOLID COPPER #1 INSULATED COPPER WIRE 65% COPPER SCRAP VALUE	ISO PHASE	-1.00 TN -103.00 TN	- -	(4,270) (231,647) (235,917) (1,326,537)	- - - -				(4,270) (231,647) (235,917) (1,326,537)
			C UNIT 5				(1,326,537)		19,179	846,878	416,118	(63,542)
D			COMMON FACILITIES									
	10 00 00		WHOLE PLANT DEMOLITION									
		10 21 00	CIVIL WORK FENCING REMAINS IN PLACE			LF	-	-				

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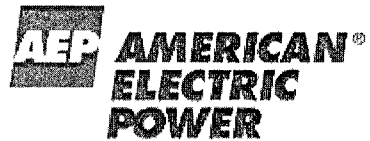
Area	Group	Phase	Description	Notes	Quantity	Subcontract Cost	Scrap Value	Material Cost	Main Hours	Labor Cost	Equip Amount	Total Cost
10	21	00	CIVIL WORK									
			REMOVE RAILROAD TRACK RAIL, TIES, SPREAD BALLAST		100.00 TF	-	-		23	1,074	1,024	2,097
			PAVED SURFACES		1,200.00 SY	-	-		144	6,872	6,552	13,424
			CIVIL WORK						187	7,945	7,576	15,521
		00	CONCRETE									
			BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	TRANSFORMER FOUNDATION FIRE WALLS PIERS, CURBS AND BASIN	30.00 CY	-	-		34	1,620	731	2,351
			BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	MISC EQUIPMENT PADS AND SITE BLD FOUNDATIONS	1,400.00 CY	-	-		1,575	75,584	34,115	109,699
			BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	TANK AND PUMP FOUNDATIONS	300.00 CY	-	-		338	16,197	7,310	23,507
			BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	CRIB HOUSE	200.00 CY	-	-		225	10,788	4,874	15,671
			BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	RSO BUILDING SLAB IS LARGER THAN BUILDING, 50FT X 80FT	222.00 CY	-	-		250	11,966	5,410	17,395
			CURBS		100.00 LF	-	-		1	57	55	112
			WALKWAYS		50.00 CY	-	-		26	1,260	569	1,829
			CONCRETE						2,448	117,501	53,062	170,563
10	24	00	ARCHITECTURAL									
			BUILDING	CRIB HOUSE	14,000.00 CF	-	-		42	1,843	1,147	2,990
			BUILDING	WAREHOUSES AND STOREROOMS	51,000.00 CF	-	-		153	6,712	4,180	10,892
			BUILDING	FUEL OIL PUMPHOUSE	2,880.00 CF	-	-		9	379	236	615
			BUILDING	WATER TREATMENT	13,920.00 CF	-	-		42	1,832	1,141	2,973
			BUILDING	RSO MAINTENANCE, 30FT X 40FT X 20FT TALL	24,000.00 CF	-	-		72	3,159	1,967	5,126
			ARCHITECTURAL						317	13,324	8,671	22,596
		00	MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT									
			FUEL OIL STORAGE TANK 10,000 BBL, 1 EACH		40.00 TN	-	-		108	4,495	2,424	6,918
			MISCELLANEOUS STORAGE TANKS AND PUMPS		687.00 TN	-	-		1,855	77,201	41,624	118,825
			MISCELLANEOUS FUEL OIL EQUIPMENT		50.00 TN	-	-		135	5,619	3,029	8,648
			MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT						2,098	87,315	47,077	134,391
10	35	00	PIPING									
			HYDRANTS		1.00 LT	-	-		60	2,863	2,730	5,593
			PIPING						60	2,863	2,730	5,593
		00	ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT									
			TRANSFORMERS		108.00 TN	-	-		289	12,011	6,476	18,486
			OUTDOOR LIGHT POLE / FIXTURE		180.00 EA	-	-		270	11,237	6,059	17,296
			ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT						559	23,248	12,534	35,782
			WHOLE PLANT DEMOLITION						5,649	252,796	131,850	384,447
		00	SCRAP VALUE									
			CARBON STEEL		-885.00 TN	-	(146,910)	-				(146,910)
			CARBON STEEL	RAILROAD RAIL	-4.00 TN	-	(664)	-				(664)
			CARBON STEEL				(147,574)					(147,574)
			SCRAP VALUE				(147,574)					(147,574)
21	00	00	CIVIL WORK									
			EARTHWORK, EXCAVATION									
			FOUNDATION EXCAVATION USING 1 CY BACKHOE	CONTAMINATED SOIL AND SAND UNDER OIL TANKS	1,252.00 CY	-	-		188	9,043	3,225	12,267
		00	MASS EXCAVATION	LEVEL BERMS AND DIKES	276.00 CY	-	-		11	541	1,044	1,585
			EARTHWORK, EXCAVATION						199	9,583	4,268	13,852
		00	MASS FILL									
			MASS FILL, COMMON EARTH USING DUMP TRUCK, 10 MI ROUND TRIP	COVER DISTURBED AREAS OF SITE WITH 2FT OF SOIL	9,900.00 CY	-	-	257,400	347	16,975	32,755	307,140
			MASS FILL					257,400	347	16,975	32,755	307,140
		00	LANDSCAPING									
			HYDRO SEEDING		3.00 AC	6,468	-	-				6,468
			LANDSCAPING			6,468						6,468
21	52	00	WASTE DISPOSAL									
			DISPOSAL AND TRANSPORTATION FEE	BUILDING DEBRIS	2,000.00 CY	36,000	-	-				36,000
			DISPOSAL AND TRANSPORTATION FEE	CONTAMINATED SOIL AND SAND UNDER OIL TANKS	1,252.00 CY	37,560	-	-				37,560

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			WASTE DISPOSAL			73,560						73,560
			CIVIL WORK			80,028		257,400	545	26,558	37,034	401,020
	22 00 00		CONCRETE									
		22 13 00	CONCRETE									
			FLOWABLE FILL, 1500 PSI	DISCHARGE CLOSURE	260 00 CY	-	-	24,700	130	5,403	1,643	31,746
			CONCRETE					24,700	130	5,403	1,643	31,746
			CONCRETE					24,700	130	5,403	1,643	31,746
			D COMMON FACILITIES			80,028	(147,574)	282,100	6,324	284,758	170,327	669,639
E			COMMON FACILITIES									
	10 00 00		WHOLE PLANT DEMOLITION									
		10 26 00	MISCELLANEOUS STRUCTURAL ITEM									
			MISCELLANEOUS SMALL OBSTACLE REMOVAL FROM SITE		1 00 LT	-	-		1 000	41 620	22,440	64 060
			MISCELLANEOUS STRUCTURAL ITEM						1,000	41,620	22,440	64,060
			WHOLE PLANT DEMOLITION						1,000	41,620	22,440	64,060
			E COMMON FACILITIES						1,000	41,620	22,440	64,060



Dolet Hills Plant Unit 1  
**CONCEPTUAL DEMOLITION COST ESTIMATE**

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EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION
1	Conceptual Demolition Cost Estimate No. 24259F

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Dolet Hills Plant located near Mansfield, Louisiana in DeSoto County is co-owned by both Central Louisiana Electric Company (CLECO) and by Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), a subsidiary of American Electric Power (AEP) and is operated by CLECO. The plant consists of one lignite fired generating unit with a generating capacity of 721 megawatts. Unit 1 was placed in operation in 1986.

Sargent & Lundy (S&L) previously prepared a Conceptual Demolition Cost Estimate for Dolet Hills Plant Unit 1 in 2012 and 2016. AEP recently contracted S&L to update the previously prepared cost estimate to 2020 pricing levels. The objective of the conceptual demolition cost estimate is to determine the gross demolition costs for Dolet Hills Plant Unit 1 (including gross salvage credits and any other benefits). The cost estimate considers the demolition/dismantlement methodology which complies with current OSHA rules and regulations.

## 2.0 COST ESTIMATE SUMMARY

Conceptual Demolition Cost Estimate No 24259F was prepared and is included as Exhibit 1. The cost estimate is structured into a code of accounts as identified in Table 2-1.

**Table 2-1**  
**Cost Estimate Code of Accounts**

Account Number	Description
10	Demolition Costs
18	Scrap Value Costs
21	Civil Work Costs
90, 91, 92	General Conditions Costs
93	Indirect Costs
94	Contingency Costs
96	Escalation Costs

The results of the cost estimate are provided in Table 2-2 below:

**Table 2-2**  
**Cost Estimate Results Summary**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Demolition Direct Cost	\$ 22,560,576
Scrap Value	(\$ 8,670,328)
General Conditions Costs	\$ 5,952,500
Indirect Cost	\$ 2,851,300
Contingency Cost	\$ 4,003,400
Total Project Cost	\$ 26,697,448

### **3.0 TECHNICAL BASIS**

The scope of dismantlement includes the complete Dolet Hills Plant Unit 1 generating facility.

The following are excluded from the scope of the conceptual demolition cost estimate:

- Removal of Ash Basin #1 and #2 and the Secondary Ash Pond
- Make-up Pond Removal
- Mine coal conveyor Removal
- Asbestos Removal
- Switchyard Demolition
- Demolition of Access Roads to the Switchyard

The following items were included in the current cost estimate and were not included in the 2016 cost estimate:

- None

Revisions to the plant facilities that would affect the current cost estimate were provided by plant personnel through correspondence.

#### **4.0 COMMERCIAL BASIS**

##### **4.1 General Information**

The Conceptual Demolition Cost Estimate prepared for the Dolet Hills Plant is a conceptual estimate of the cost to dismantle Dolet Hills Plant Unit 1. Costs were calculated for (1) demolition of existing plant structures and equipment and associated site restoration costs, (2) scrap value of metals, (3) associated indirect costs, and (4) contingency. All units used in the cost estimate are U.S. Standard and all costs are in US Dollars (2020 levels). A one (1) year demolition schedule is anticipated not including asbestos removal (to be performed prior to start of demolition work).

##### **4.2 Quantities/Material Cost**

Quantities of pieces of equipment and/or bulk material commodities used in this cost estimate were intended to be reasonable and representative of projects of this type. Material quantities were estimated from the site plot plan and other drawings and data provided by AEP and Plant Personnel.

##### **4.3 Construction Labor Wages**

Craft labor rates (Craft Hourly Rate) for the cost estimate are based on the prevailing wages for Shreveport, Louisiana as published in "R.S. Means Labor Rates for the Construction Industry", 2020 Edition. These prevailing rates are representative of union or non-union rates, whichever is prevailing in the area. Costs have been added to cover social security, workmen's compensation, federal and state unemployment insurance. The resulting burdened craft rates were then used to develop typical crew rates applicable to the task being performed.

##### **4.3.1 Labor Work Schedule and Incentives**

The estimate assumed a 5x8 work week. No other labor incentives are included.

##### **4.3.2 General Conditions Costs**

Allowances were included in the cost estimate as direct costs as noted for the following:

- Labor Supervision
- Construction Management
- Field Office Expenses
- Safety
- Temporary Facilities
- Mobilization / Demobilization
- Legal Expenses / Claims
- Small Tools & Consumables
- General Liability Insurance
- Construction Equipment Mobilization / Demobilization
- Freight on Material
- Contractor's General and Administrative Costs
- Contractor's Profit

#### 4.4 Scrap Value

The value of scrap is based on “Scrap Metals Market Watch” as published in the July 2020 Edition of “American Recycler News” ([www.americanrecycler.com](http://www.americanrecycler.com)) using Zone 3 (USA Southwest). The values obtained are delivered prices to the recycler. Transportation cost to the recycler is assumed @ 30 \$/ton resulting in the values below:

- Carbon Steel Value @ 166 \$/ton
- Copper Value @ 4,270 \$/ton
- #1 Insulated Copper Wire 65% @ 2249 \$/ton
- Admiralty Brass @ 3,410 \$/ton

Note: 1 Ton = 2,000 Lbs

#### 4.5 Indirect Costs

Allowances were included in the cost estimate as indirect costs as noted for the following:

- Engineering, Procurement and Project Services: None included.
- Construction Management Support: None included.
- Owners Cost: Included as 10.0% of the total direct labor and material cost. Owners Costs include owner project engineering, administration and construction management, permits and fees, legal expenses, taxes, etc.

#### 4.6 Escalation

No allowance for escalation was included in the cost estimate.

#### 4.7 Contingency

We believe the available information and inputs to the demolition cost estimate warrant a 15% contingency. However, we have applied a 10% contingency in the current demolition cost estimate because the Commission ordered the use of a 10% contingency in SWEPCO’s 2016 rate case (Docket No. 46449). Allowances were included in the cost estimate as contingency as noted for the following:

- Scrap Value: Included as a 10.0% reduction in the salvage value resulting in a total net reduction in the salvage value. The contingency assumes a potential drop in salvage value thus increasing the project cost.
- Material: Included as 10.0% of the total material cost.
- Labor: Included as 10.0% of the total labor cost.
- Indirect: Included as 10.0% of the total indirect cost.

#### 4.8 Assumptions

The following assumptions apply to the cost estimate.

- All chemicals will be removed by the Owner prior to demolition, from the facilities to be demolished.
- All coal and fuel oil will be consumed prior to demolition.
- All electrical equipment and wiring is de-energized prior to start of dismantlement.
- No extraordinary environmental costs for demolition have been included.
- Handling, on-site and off-site disposal of hazardous materials would be performed in compliance with methods approved by Owner.
- Switchyards within the plant boundaries are not part of the scope, neither are access roads to these facilities. Fences and gates needed to protect the switchyard will be left in place.
- Emergency or black start diesels are not included.
- All items above grade and to a depth of two (2) feet will be demolished. Any other items buried more than two (2) feet will remain in place. All foundations are removed and buried on site.
- Underground piping, conduit and cable ducts will be abandoned in place.
- Underground piping larger than four (4) feet diameter will be filled with sand or slurry and capped at the ends to prevent collapse. Non-metal pipe will be collapsed.
- All demolished materials are considered debris, except for organic combustibles and non-embedded metals which have scrap value.
- The basis for salvage estimating is for scrap value only. No resale of equipment or material is included.
- Disturbed areas will be buried under two (2) feet of topsoil mulched and seeded with grass – no other landscaping is included.
- All borrow material is assumed to be from onsite sources.
- Debris not suitable for burial is to be disposed of off-site. Assumed distance to final disposal is within a five (5) mile haul.
- The entire weight of transformers and generators are valued using only the carbon steel scrap value rate. No additional value is considered for the copper metal content. This is based on information supplied by scrap dealers. Additional cost to the scrap dealer to separate the different metals is offset by the increased value of the copper.
- Concrete / Brick chimney(s) will be demolished using Top-To-Bottom, Piece-Meal, Non-Explosive demolition method.

## 5.0 REFERENCES

Drawings utilized in the preparation of the demolition cost estimate are identified in Table 5-1.

**Table 5-1**  
**Reference Drawings**

Document Number	Revision	Title
M-2	Rev E	Property Development Dolet Hills Power Plant Unit No 1
M-3	Rev. D	Plant Development Dolet Hills Power Plant Unit NO 1
M-5	Rev J	General Arrangement Ground Floor Plan
M-7	Rev. H	General Arrangement SO2 Area Plan-Upper
M-12	Rev. H	General Arrangement Section A-A
M-13	Rev. G	General Arrangement Section B-B
M-300	Rev B	MATS Project, General Arrangement, Site Plan
S-3036	Rev C	Hydrated Lime Silo Foundation Plan
S-3037	Rev C	PAC Silo Foundation Plan
S-3041	Rev C	Hydrated Lime Blower Bldg Foundation Plan
BC13-EQP-008-80	Rev B	DSI Building & Silos, System Anchor Bolt Plan

**EXHIBIT 1**  
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Group	Description	Subcontract Cost	Scrap Value	Material Cost	Man Hours	Labor Cost	Equip Amount	Total Cost
10 00 00	WHOLE PLANT DEMOLITION	2,475,000			167,381	7,595,423	3,880,300	13,950,724
18 00 00	SCRAP VALUE		(8,670,328)					(8,670,328)
21 00 00	CIVIL WORK	4,098,548			36,456	1,776,258	2,735,045	8,609,852
	TOTAL DIRECT	6,573,548	(8,670,328)		203,836	9,371,682	6,615,346	13,890,246

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Estimate Totals

Description	Amount	Totals	Hours
Labor	9,371,682		203,836
Material			
Subcontract	6,573,548		
Construction Equipment	6,615,346		
Scrap Value	<u>(8,670,328)</u>		
	13,890,248	13,890,248	
<b>General Conditions</b>			
<b>Additional Labor Costs</b>			
90-1 Labor Supervision	562,300		
90-2 Show-up Time	187,400		
90-3 Cost Due To OT 5-10's			
90-4 Cost Due To OT 6-10's			
90-5 Per Diem			
<b>Site Overheads</b>			
91-1 Construction Management	1,012,100		
91-2 Field Office Expenses	222,700		
91-3 Material&Quality Control			
91-4 Site Services			
91-5 Safety	199,900		
91-6 Temporary Facilities	152,100		
91-7 Temporary Utilities			
91-8 Mobilization/Demob	160,300		
91-9 Legal Expenses/Claims	23,700		
<b>Other Construction Indirects</b>			
92-1 Small Tools & Consumables	101,200		
92-2 Scaffolding			
92-3 General Liability Insur	101,200		
92-4 Constr Equip Mob/Demob	66,200		
92-5 Freight on Material			
92-6 Freight on Scrap			
92-7 Sales Tax			
92-8 Contractors G&A	1,302,600		
92-9 Contractors Profit	<u>1,850,800</u>		
	5,952,500	19,842,748	
<b>Project Indirect Costs</b>			
93-1 Engineering Services			
93-2 CM Support			
93-3 Start-Up/Commissioning			
93-4 Start-Up/Spare Parts			
93-5 Excess Liability Insur			
93-6 Sales Tax On Indirects			
93-7 Owners Cost	2,851,300		
93-8 EPC Fee	<u>2,851,300</u>		
		22,694,048	
<b>Contingency</b>			
94-1 Contingency on Const Eq	780,600		
94-4 Contingency on Material			
94-4 Contingency on Labor	1,413,300		
94-5 Contingency on Subcontr	857,400		
94-6 Contingency on Scrap	867,000		
94-7 Contingency on Indirect	<u>285,100</u>		
	4,003,400	26,697,448	
<b>Escalation</b>			
96-1 Escalation on Const Equip			
96-3 Escalation on Material			
96-4 Escalation on Labor			
96-5 Escalation on Subcontract			
96-6 Escalation on Scrap			
96-7 Escalation on Indirects			
		26,697,448	
98 Interest Durng Constr		26,697,448	
<b>Total</b>		<b>26,697,448</b>	

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10 00.00		WHOLE PLANT DEMOLITION									
	10 21 00	CIVIL WORK									
		FENCING REMAINS IN PLACE		19,300.00	LF	-	-	4,343	207,224	197,584	404,808
		REMOVE RAILROAD TRACK RAIL, TIES, SPREAD BALLAST		40,660.00	TF	-	-	4,879	232,835	222,004	454,839
		PAVED SURFACES			SY	-	-	9,222	440,060	419,587	859,647
		CIVIL WORK									
	10 22 00	CONCRETE									
		BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	DRAFT EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION (2FT BELOW GRADE)	7,600.00	CY	-	-	8,550	410,315	185,193	595,508
		BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	ASH HANDLING EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION (2FT BELOW GRADE)	3,600.00	CY	-	-	4,050	194,360	87,723	282,083
		BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	TRANSFORMER FOUNDATION FIRE WALLS PIERS CURBS AND BASIN	200.00	CY	-	-	225	10,798	4,874	15,671
		BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT PADS AND SITE BUILDING FOUNDATIONS	3,675.00	CY	-	-	4,134	198,409	89,551	287,959
		BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	TANK AND PUMP FOUNDATIONS, CONCRETE BERMS	2,440.00	CY	-	-	2,745	131,733	59,457	191,189
		BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	WATER SOFTENER TANKS	200.00	CY	-	-	225	10,798	4,874	15,671
		BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	INTAKE CLOSURE	1,859.00	CY	-	-	1,856	89,567	40,426	129,993
		BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	DISCHARGE CLOSURE	1,803.00	CY	-	-	2,028	97,342	43,935	141,276
		BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	FUEL EQUIPMENT MATERIAL HANDLING	1,669.00	CY	-	-	1,878	90,107	40,669	130,777
		BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	CONCRETE CABLE TRENCHES AND CABLE	1,500.00	CY	-	-	1,688	80,983	35,551	117,534
		BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	TRANSFORMER FOUNDATION FIRE WALLS, PIERS, CURBS AND BASIN	200.00	CY	-	-	225	10,798	4,874	15,671
		BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	ACI SYSTEM FOUNDATION	144.00	CY	-	-	162	7,774	3,509	11,283
		BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	DSI SYSTEM FOUNDATION	222.00	CY	-	-	250	11,986	5,410	17,395
		BUILDING/EQUIPMENT FOUNDATION/PAD	DSI CONTROL AND PUMPHOUSES	67.00	CY	-	-	75	3,617	1,633	5,250
		MAIN POWER BLOCK FOUNDATION	INCLUDING MATERIAL HANDLING	5,189.00	CY	-	-	4,390	210,173	94,860	305,033
		ELEVATED CONCRETE FLOOR / ROOF		3,980.00	CY	-	-	2,384	114,409	51,638	166,047
		TURBINE PEDESTAL		2,705.00	CY	-	-	4,869	233,683	105,463	339,126
		DISCHARGE OUTFALL STRUCTURE		145.00	CY	-	-	109	5,219	2,356	7,574
		CIRC WATER PUMPHOUSE INTAKE & DISCHARGE STRUCTURE		500.00	CY	-	-	525	25,195	11,372	36,566
		CURBS		2,000.00	LF	-	-	24	1,152	520	1,672
		WALKWAYS		65.00	CY	-	-	34	1,638	739	2,377
		PRECAST CONCRETE CHANNEL & LIGHTWEIGHT CONCRETE ROOF	TURBINE ROOM, CONTROL HOUSE, MACHINE SHOP WATER TREATMENT AREA	41,766.00	SF	-	-	626	29,900	19,647	48,547
		PRECAST CONCRETE CHANNEL & LIGHTWEIGHT CONCRETE ROOF	AIR HEATER ROOM, MISC	20,120.00	SF	-	-	302	13,922	9,464	23,386
		CONCRETE MECHANICAL DRAFT COOLING TOWER, 330' DIA x 445' HIGH	INCLUDING SHELL, FOUNDATION AND BASIN	1.00	LS	-	-	15,248	731,752	330,272	1,062,023
		CONCRETE						56,602	2,714,607	1,235,005	3,949,612
	10 23 00	STEEL									
		STRUCTURAL, GIRT AND GALLERY STEEL		10,990.00	TN	-	-	11,166	507,711	180,440	688,151
		STRUCTURAL, GIRT AND GALLERY STEEL	CRUSHER HOUSE	1,440.00	TN	-	-	1,463	66,624	23,643	90,187
		STEEL						12,629	574,235	204,083	778,318
	10 24.00	ARCHITECTURAL									
		BUILDING	NORTH WAREHOUSE #1 (100' x 60' x 14')	84,000.00	CF	-	-	252	11,055	6,885	17,940
		BUILDING	NORTH WAREHOUSE #2 (85' x 60' x 14')	71,400.00	CF	-	-	214	9,397	5,852	15,249
		BUILDING	WEST WAREHOUSE (200' x 70' x 12')	196,000.00	CF	-	-	588	25,796	16,064	41,860
		BUILDING	COOLING TOWER ELECTRICAL	18,000.00	CF	-	-	54	2,369	1,475	3,844
		BUILDING	BUILDING (60' x 30' x 10')	48,800.00	CF	-	-	146	6,396	3,983	10,380
		BUILDING	TRACTOR MAINTENANCE BUILDING (30' x 90' x 18')	209,137.00	CF	-	-	627	27,525	17,141	44,665
		BUILDING	WATER TREATMENT, CHEM FEED AND CHLORINATION BUILDINGS	123,200.00	CF	-	-	370	16,214	10,097	26,312